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SEPIK DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1959-60

TELEFOMIN

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2-59-60	W.T. Brown	Telefomin & Feramin C.D.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. TELEFOMIN. N°1 of 1959-60.

Patrol Conducted by W. T. BROWN A.D.O.

Area Patrolled URAPMIN & TIFALMIN SUB-DIVISIONS. WOKEIMIN.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R. L. O'CONNELL CPO.

Natives 8 POLICE 1 MO.

Duration—From 27/8/1959 to 6/9/1959

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 11/1958

Medical N / 1958 PART

Map Reference TELEFOMIN DISTRICT SKETCH ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol (1) ROUTINE (2) CENSUS REVISION

(3) INITIAL CENSUS WOKEIMIN.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

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67-8-8

23th October, 1959

District Officer,
Sepik District,
USMAK

Telefolmin Patrol Report No. 1/59-60

The establishment of a new Patrol Post involves many factors to be considered by this Headquarters, not the least of which are staff, finance, ground investigation, and so on. However, it is the policy to establish one on the appropriate site North of KIUNGA, when circumstances permit. Any assistance you can give the staff at KIUNGA by way of an occasional visit until a Post is possible will be much appreciated.

This patrol indicates that the WOKEMIN are gradually gaining confidence in that they readily appeared for census on this occasion.

A very useful patrol, the report of which has been well presented.

AAR
(A.A. Roberts)
Director



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-8-8. ✓



In Reply
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NoPR.Tel.1-59/60/663

District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

15th October, 1959

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

TELEFOLMIN PATROL REPORT No. 1-59/60

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The report indicates a satisfactory native situation.
It also illustrates the difficulty of terrain in which contact
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inhabitants.

John Carey
(A. T. CAREY)

ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

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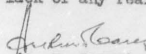
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(A. T. CAREY)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA .

Patrol Report No.1 of 1959 - 60 - TELEFOMIN .

Officer Conducting Patrol ; W. T. Brown . A.D.O.

Area Patrolled ; i. URAPMIN and TIFALMIN
Census Sub-divisions.
ii. WOKEIMIN area south of
HINDENBURG Ranges .

Personnel Accompanying ; Mr. R. L. O'Connell C.P.O.
No. 7403 L/Cpl KUSINO,
No. 9433 Const MANDEKAI,
No. 6185 Const YARIF,
No. 8992 Const PIGI,
No. 8968 Const IAKO,
No. 6067B Const BISAMBI,
No. 8071 Const KAPOE,
No. 9113 Const PIANGA,
JINTERPRETER SUNEI,
N.M.O. ANDUWARI.

Duration of Patrol ; 27-8-59 - 6-9-59 .

No. of days ; Eleven .

Objects of Patrol ; i. Familiarization .
ii. Census revision TIFALMIN
and URAPMIN .
iii. Initial census WOKEIMIN .

Map Reference ; Sketch map attached .
Telefomin Sub-district 4mls 1 in.

Last Patrol to area ; Tifalmin -Urapmin; May 59
Wokeimin ; October 58

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DIARY ;

Thursday , August 27 , 1959 .

Departed station at 0930 and descended to Sepik River .
Crossed the Sepik at 1100 by the BOGELMIN bridge (3600' a.s.l.)
and proceeded along the main track to the URAPMIN arriving
at URAPMIN Rest House at 1345 . (4700'a.s.l.).

Light guard .

Friday , August 28 , 1959 .

Census revision - good attendance .

Hamlet inspections .

Light guard .

Saturday , August 29 , 1959 .

Departed URAPMIN 0750 and proceeded again along the
main track toward OKBILAVIP (Lower Tifalmin) . Reached
summit Mt. BAGALUNTIGIN (5570'a.s.l) at 0920 , spelled , and
then descended to the ILAM River and followed it upstream to
OKBILAVIP Rest House , arriving at 1150 . (4500' a.s.l.)

Inspected airstrip and then revised census - good
attendance . Hamlet inspections .

Light guard .

Sunday , August 30 , 1959 .

Departed OKBILAVIP at 0950 and proceeded up the ILAM
valley to Upper Tifalmin arriving at Rest House at 1025 . (4000' a.s.)

Census revision and hamlet inspection.

Light guard .

Monday , August 31 , 1959 .

Departed Upper Tifalmin at 0630 and followed up the
ILAM River towards the crest of the range and then followed
a long gradual spur above the left bank of AKULPAL Creek .

0830 spelled at 6000' , 0900 reached 6500' and commenced
to climb through moss forest over moss coated limestone crags
and sinkholes to reach the summit at 1200 (8,700' a.s.l.).

1220 commenced the descent through the moss forest
and made camp in a small gully at the foot of the main divide
at 1300 . (8,000')

Tuesday , September 1 , 1959 .

Broke camp at 0645 and continued to descend through
moss forest around the range travelling South west . 0830
at 8,000' a.s.l. south of Mt. AIYUNG .

At 1035 arrived at AIYUNGAVIP hamlet - friendly welcome
from three men , two women and several dogs . Made camp in an
old muddy taro patch adjacent to the village .

A small number of men and women from garden houses in the vicinity arrived and a poll was taken. Fair quantity of native food purchased and pig bought and shot.

Discussion regarding population etc. Census. Total population recorded including absentees, 29, hardly justifying the time involved.

Guard posted.

Wednesday, September 2, 1959.

Broke camp at AIYUNGAVIP, (6,000' a.s.l.) and proceeded southwards crossing the main spur at 0840, (6,400 a.s.l.)

Arrived at BULTEVIP hamlet, the largest group of houses in the WOKEIMIN, at 1000, (5,200 a.s.l.) to find only one old man and his young daughter. All the group said to be living at SOBOLMOROVIP to the south on the KAM River: the man and his daughter having returned to inspect gardens.

Departed BULTEVIP at 1010 and descended to the junction of the KAKIN and WIN Rivers. (4400 a.s.l.) and then commenced climbing to arrive on the crest of the ridge overlooking the KAM River, FENGUM, at 1345 (5,400' a.s.l.)

Descended to the KAM River and crossed by well constructed log bridge and proceeded the short distance to SOBOLMOROVIP hamlet and made camp above the village beneath Mt. SOLOMARK at 1410, (4 800' a.s.l.). A long hard day.

Guard posted.

Thursday, September 3, 1959.

In camp at SOBOLMOROVIP.

Census and enquiries regarding population etc. Total recorded including absentees 58.

In addition to the WOKEIMIN people present at the hamlet there were a group of FEGOLMINS from the east who had been censused, and two AMBLEKTIARKINS from approximately three days walk to the South-west.

Small quantity of food purchased and guard posted.

Friday, September 4, 1959.

Broke camp at 0646 and commenced to ascend the range arriving at the foot of Mt. BALEL at 0845, (5,400 a.s.l.) Commenced the ascent of the cliff face and arrived at the top, 7,200' a.s.l., at 0910. Waited for patrol to re-group and continued walking at 1000. 1040 at 7,700' a.s.l., 1110 at 7,700' a.s.l., and 1140 at 7,700' a.s.l.

Made camp in a grass marsh clearing at 1235 at 7,600' a.s.l. beneath Mt. FUGILIL.

Guard posted.

Saturday , September 5 , 1959 .

Broke camp at 0645 and commenced the final ascent over the main range reaching the ALUKPAL crossing at 0830 , 8500 ' a.s.l . Due to bitterly cold winds no rest could be made at the crest and the patrol commenced the almost vertical descent to arrive at our outward path at 0950 , 6,000' a.s.l.

Continued descent at 1010 and passed through Upper Tifalmin at 1140 arriving at OKBILAVIP at 1210 .

Sunday , September 5 , 1959 .

Departed OKBILAVIP at 0610 , on top Mt . BAGAIUNTIGIN at 0750 , URAPMIN 0845 , and arrived Sepik crossing at 1110 . Continued on to station .

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INTRODUCTION ;

This report covers my visit , accompanied by Mr. O'Connell C.P.O. , to the URAPMIN and TIFALMIN people who live in the western end of the Telefomin valley on the banks of the ILAM River , a tributary of the Sepik River , and to the WOKEIMIN people who live on the southern side of the HINDENBERG Range in the Western District of Papua .

The URAPMIN people live in an area bounded loosely by the Sepik River , The ILAM River and the BEHRMANN Mountains . They have had regular contact with the Administration since the establishment of Telefomin .

The TIFALMIN group live four hours further to the west and have had less contact with the Administration . In recent years they have received concentrated attention - in the last eighteen months the area has been visited four times and the census revised thrice .

The WOKEIMIN group were first contacted in 1952 and have since been patrolled on three occasions but no real contact was made .

The WOKEIMIN live in two groups , on the KAM River and on the KAKIN immediately below the buttresses of the main range , in the Territory of Papua .

NATIVE SITUATION .

URAPMIN AND TIFALMIN ;

The native situation in in the URAPMIN and TIFALMIN areas is satisfactory .

The response to census was good and there were no unreasonable cases of absenteeism . The census of both groups may be considered virtually complete .

Both groups have responded well to regular patrolling

and appear to be law abiding and quiet . Unfortunately there seem to be no prospects for the economic advancement of these people due to the limited areas of arable land , the poor soil quality of the available arable land and their distance from any market .

The regular fortnightly visit of the Baptist Mission to the Tifalmin air strip , using the Missionary Aviation Fellowship aircraft , has resulted in the people becoming more blasé and confident .

WOKKEIMAN ;

The WOKKEIMAN group were first contacted in June , 1952 , by Mr. L. Nolan , and the population was then estimated to be 150 .

In 1957 Mr. P.O. Booth again made partial contact with the group and estimated the population to be less than 500 .

In 1958 Mr. A.D.O. Aisbett visited the area and made little contact . Later in the same year Mr. Aisbett visited the area to investigate rumoured tribal fighting and contacted approximately 50 people . As a result of both these patrols the population was estimated at 250 .

On this patrol the contact made was quite satisfactory and an initial census compiled . People of both sexes and of all ages attended and readily volunteered the names of absentees . A group of FEGOLMINS also presented themselves but stated they had already been censused in their home area .

The total number of names recorded , including absentees was 67 , and I feel that this census is very near a complete record .

Confusion in the past has arisen from garden houses and "town" dwellings both being regarded as permanently occupied and by the " dance " village of BULTAVIP being regarded as a fully and permanently occupied village .

It will be seen from the diary that two days were spent crossing the range to the WOKKEIMAN , two days were spent in the area and two days spent recrossing the range - for 67 people . While we can ensure that law and order can be maintained by infrequent visits our efforts would be much better utilized within the District .

When the area patrolled embraces the FEGOLMIN , KAMFEGOLMIN , ENKIAKMIN , O'OPTIMIN and WOKKEIMAN , (c.f. P/R No. 6 of 1957/58 and P/R NO7 of 1958/59) the time spent on patrol would be 30 days , all within the Western District , during which time 1,400 people would be seen .

The remarks applied to the WOKKEIMAN area could be well applied to this area also . In the past , since this station was opened in 1948 , the OKSAPMIN group, first contacted by the Hagen Sepik patrol in 1938 , with an estimated population of 10,000 has been patrolled four times - a total of 129 days . In the same period 7 patrols have visited the area south of the Hindenburgs , and the border , spending 121 days .

Our efforts in the future can be better expended in consolidating in the near areas and in expanding our activities in the OKSAPMIN , MIANMIN and ATEBALMIN . Even though the WOKELMAN consider themselves as Telefomins and claim that they originated from the Telefomin valley their geographical position places them well within the orbit of any post to be opened north of Kiunga .

They have friendly contacts with the FEGOLMIN to the east , and with the as yet un-contacted ABLEMKIAKMIN some three days further south-west . These groups , as well as the KAMFEGOLMIN, the O=OPTIMIN and ENKIAKMIN, with other small pockets , would lie within the orbit of such a post .

Trade routes lie through the ABLEMKIAKMIN and the ATEBALMIN to the west , from where Dutch axes and other steel items are obtained while gathering rights to sago leaf lie far to the south . Gardens are situated east and west of the hamlets on the Kam and Kiakin Rivers beneath the southern buttresses of the main range .

ROADS AND BRIDGES ;

From TELEFOMIN to TIFALMIN , through URAPMIN , the people maintain broad tracks which are maintained as occasion warrants . This is the recognized patrol route and is quite satisfactory although much effort has been wasted in the construction of poor grades .

The alternative route on the right bank of the Sepik is more commonly used by the people as their relations are more friendly with the people of the western Telefomin valley section .

The route followed to WOKELMAN crosses the main range immediately to the east of Mt AIYUNG at 8,700'. From Upper TIFALMIN a long spur is followed resulting in a gradual climb to the crest of the range and a comparatively easy descent to the intermediate camp .

From the intermediate camp to AIYUNGAVIP , BULTEVIP and SOBOMOROVIP native pads and gardening tracks are followed over comparatively easy terrain .

The return route follows up the headwaters of the KAM River and then lies up a short cliff face to Mt. Balel , a plateau like formation of undulating forest and a number of grass swamps at approximately 7500' .

From the intermediate camp the road ascends and crosses the range immediately west of Mt. FUG'LIL at 8500'. The descent to the Tifalmin valley is extremely steep and would prove an arduous climb if this route was taken to the WOKELMIN .

AIRSTRIPS .

The TIFALMIN airstrip constructed by the Baptist Mission was inspected by the patrol and was in good condition and well maintained .

The strip is used fortnightly by Cesena aircraft of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship .

Health ;

Health in the area patrolled is now generally good . There was an outbreak of influenza in the area , and also in the Eliptamin valley , in May , 1959 , which resulted in a number of deaths .

A number of people sporting small tropical ulcers and infected sores were requested to present themselves to TELEFOMIN Hospital . With the opening of the Tifalmin airstrip and the resultant close contact there is no reason why an Aid Post should not be opened in the area which would eliminate much unnecessary travel and which would ensure minor ills and ailments were treated promptly .

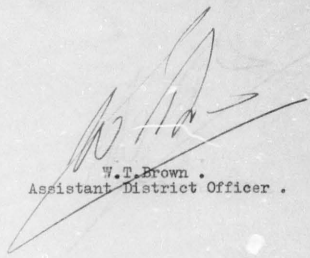
The TIFALMIN group still persist in placing corpses in trees .

Missions ;

The Baptist Mission is the only Mission group operating within the Sub-district .

Activity in the TIFALMIN area is confined to fortnightly visits , by aircraft , of a few hours duration to the Lower Tifalmin .

Movement in the area is controlled by Restricted Area Permits .

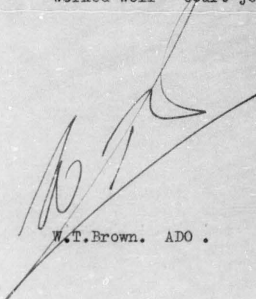


W. T. Brown .
Assistant District Officer .

Telefomin Patrol Report No. 1 of 1959 / 60. Appendix A .

REPORT ON POLICE .

7403	Lance Corporal KUSINOK .	Worked well - fair command. Local native with a thorough knowledge of area .
6067B	Constable BISAMBI	Cheerfull and willing but almost past hard patrolling.
9185	Constable IARIF	Good worker .
9433	Constable MANDEKAI	"
8968	Constable IAKO	Dull and only average worker .
9113	Constable PIANGA .	Unimpressive and far from zealous .
8992	Constable PIGI .	Local - worked well but does not inspire confidence .
8071	Constable WAPOK .	Worked well - court jester .


W.T. Brown. ADO .

TIFALMIN

MT AIYUNG

MT RUEILL

MT UK

MT UYANG

WOKEMIN

URAPPIN

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA BORDER

KAMFEGOLMIN

FE GOLMIN

MAP TO ACCOMPANY PATROL REPORT 1 OF 1959/60

AREA PATROLLED URAMBIN, TIFALMIN AND WOKEMIN CERUUS PROVINCES.

LEGEND

-  AREA PATROLLED
-  PATROL ROUTE
-  TIFALM BOUNDARIES
-  MAIN W AND NEW GUINEA BOUNDARY
-  REST HOUSE
-  ANKEX USE OF MOUNTAIN KEMASS
-  CAMP SITE





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. TELEFOMIN 2 OF 1959/60

Patrol Conducted by W. T. BROWN, A.D.O.

Area Patrolled TELEFOMIN 7 FERAMIN CENSUS SUB-DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans I. LIGHTFOOT R.M.A.

Natives 7.

Duration—From 21/9/1959 to 6/10/1959

Number of Days ELEVEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany YES

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2/1959

Medical 11/10/58

Map Reference TELEFOMIN FOURMIL. SKETCH ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol (1) FAMILIARIZATION (1) CENSUS REVISION.
(11) ROUTINE.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

Village Popula

Year 1959

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												MIGRANT	
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Migration Register

Area Patrolled.....

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67-8-15

24th November, 1959.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
MBIAK.

Patrol Report - Telefomin No.2. 1959/60.

It is not much use encouraging economic development if there is no outlet for the produce. Unfortunately it must be taken as one of the hard facts of life, that some people are more happily situated in their environment than others.

At this stage it is better to concentrate on improving the local standard of living by the introduction of a more balanced subsistence cropping and a healthier way of living.

A routine census patrol that calls for no other comment than that it has been efficiently executed.

AAR.
(A.A. Roberts.)
Director.

PR. Tel 2/59-60/852

District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

11th November, 1959

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - TELEFOLMIN NO. 2/59-60

For your information I forward report of patrol to the Telefolmin and Feramin census divisions submitted by Mr. Brown, Assistant District Officer.

The areas are adjacent to the Telefolmin Government Station.

The patrol is straight forward and requires no comment.

Claims for camping allowance are attached for payment, please.

A. T. Carey
(A. T. CAREY)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

Encl.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Report No. 2 of 1959 - 1960 - TELEFOMIN

Officer Conducting Patrol : W.T. Brown - A.D.O.
Area Patrolled : 1. Telefomin Census Sub-Division.
2. Feramin Census Sub-Division.
Personnell Accompanying : Mr. I. Lightfoot F.M.A.
No. 7403 L/Cpl. KUSINO.
No. 3976 Cpl. AMPULA.
No. 6900 Const. WAPE.
No. 9053 Const. ARE.
No. 9006 Const. NIGI.
No. 8991 Const. WASINAU.
Interpreter SUNEI.
Duration of Patrol : 21-9-59 to 6-10-59.
No. of days : Eleven.
Objects of Patrol : 1. Familiarization.
2. Census revision Telefomin
and Feramin.
3. Routine.
Map Reference : Sketch map attached.
Telefomin Sub-District 4 miles.
Last Patrol to area : Feramin - February 1959.
Telefomin - November 1958.

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Patrol Report No.2. of 1959 - 1960 - Telefomin

DIARY :

Monday, September 21st, 1959.

Accompanied by Mr. Medical Assistant Lightfoot, - departed station by tractor and proceeded to Telefomin hamlet of ANGAVIP.

Census revised , medical inspection and village inspection.

Continued to DROLINGAM. Census revised, medical and village inspection.

Returned to station.

Tuesday, September 22nd, 1959.

Proceeded by tractor with Mr. Lightfoot to FERAMTIGAN.

Village inspection, census revision and medical inspection.

Returned station and road inspection en-route.

Wednesday, September 23rd, 1959.

Accompanied by Mr. Lightfoot proceeded to joint villages of TELEFOLIP and BOGALMIN.

Census revised, village and medical inspection.

Proceeded to KOBORENMIN. Census revised, medical and village inspection.

Returned to station.

Thursday, September 24th, 1959.

Proceeded with Mr. Lightfoot to MISINMIN group.

Census revision, medical inspection and village inspection MISINMIN, AT ENKIARMIN and TIMKAMIN.

Returned to station.

Friday September 25th, 1959.

To road inspection Sol Gorge and return.

Saturday, September 26th 1959.

To road and garden inspection FAFAL Creek.

Monday September 29th, 1959.

To road and garden inspection, Eliptamin Divide. (MITTAG MOUNTAINS.)

Saturday October 3rd, 1959.

Departed station accompanied by Mr. Lightfoot and five police and proceeded via Sol Gorge and Telefomin gardening land to FERAMIN Rest House.

Walking time 3 hours.

Sunday October 4th 1959.

At FERAMIN.

Census revised of KIALIKIMIN (hamlets SIMINTAVIP and AGINTIVIP). Medical inspection and hamlet inspection.

Monday, October 5th, 1959.

Census revision KOBORENMIN, OKSIMIN and FAMUEMIN.

Village inspection and medical inspection.

TUESDAY, October 6th, 1959.

Returned to Telefomin - road inspection en route.

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INTRODUCTION :

The area patrolled lies immediately adjacent to Telefomin Government station, and extends up the Sepik Valley to the headwaters.

The area has been patrolled since the station was established in 1949.

As a result of the Telefomin groups close proximity to the station, visits to the hamlets are frequent and they likewise are frequently seen on the station.

NATIVE SITUATION :

The native situation in the villages around the Telefomin station is satisfactory. The people are quiet and orderly but unfortunately have no avenue of economic development which leaves them with little outlet.

Attention is now being focussed on small scale vegetable gardening but this is limited by the cold, wet clayey soil which predominates throughout the area, and by the intensive use made of the Telefomin shelf for pig grazing.

The Telefolin group are actively engaged in the production of pit-sawn fitches and there are strong possibilities of this activity being expanded to the other villages of the Telefomin group. This will depend on whether a saw bench can be obtained for Telefomin as the present supply of fitches approximates to demand. Whatever sawn timber available can be used, but only a very small number of fitches can now be cut.

It must be admitted that there is no real clamour for economic development among the people. Whether this apparent apathy is a result of a feeling of futility or whether the production of subsistence food takes available effort is problematical.

Community work in the Telefomin group is guided and hectorated by FEMSEP and NIFINIM but the time must come when "Monday" work on roads and villages will not be regarded as the limit of progress.

The FERAMIN people are slightly more happily placed than the TELEFOMIN group, in that they have more arable land available for subsistence agriculture but they too have no real wealth of land that could be considered useful for economic development.

Their gardens are scattered along the Sepik and across both divides into the O'OPTIMIN and NONG and are generally inaccessible.

They also are quiet and content.

No crime or unrest was reported to the patrol.

VILLAGES AND OFFICIALS :

FERAMIN

KIALIKMAN Situated some 3½ hours walk South of the station on the right bank of the Sepik. Hamlets : SIMINTAVIP & INGINTAVIP.

Headmen :

INTAWENGIN - Fair, old, traditional leader and as such not reactionary.

ILAFANOK - Does not impress - may have capabilities not on display.

Population : 290.

OKSLIMIN 50 minutes from FERAMIN (KIALIKMAN) Rest House - on right bank of Sepik.

Headmen :

UAI'AGEN - Traditional and aged, being supplanted by the more youthful and vigorous MANDERIOK.

MANDERIOK - Good - works well and appears progressive.

Population : 160.

KOBORENMIN

Approx 40 minutes from FERAMIN Rest House - on right bank.

Headmen :

UNIMOK - Does not appear progressive.

ASONENEIM - Works reasonably and appears to be on the ball.

FAMUKIM

Approximately 50 minutes from the Rest House on the left bank of the Sepik.

Headmen :

DUGUNENEIN - A doubtful quantity - very unimpressive.

DAEADOFNOK - Satisfactory and useful.

Population 180.

TELEFOMIN

KIALIKMAN

Comprising the two villages of ANGAVIP and DROLINGAM. Both villages front the vehicular road approx ½ mile from the station.

Headmen : FEMSEP - An able politician, voluble and says he is progressive. Assisted the Thurston party considerably but his part in the TELEFOMIN massacre obscure.

Co-operates and assists extremely well.

NIFINIM - A benign old gent who works in with Femsep. Very willing and co-operative. Does not appear to have FEMSEP'S element of shrewdness.

Population : 290.

FERAMTICAN

A small village on the vehicular road, approximately 3/4 mile from station - formed of the two hamlets IBISOLTIGIN and INUMBIL.

Headmen : AMUTOK - A talker but appears to be achieving some progress.

BOGALMIN & TELEFOLIP

These two villages abut and are virtually indistinguishable. The TELEFOLIP House Tamberan is recognised as the focal house of the TELEFOMIN, FERAMIN and ELIPTAMIN areas.

Headmen : TELEFOLIP

DABOWING - is in gaol at WEWAK for participation in the killing of P.O. Szarka.

ATOGENGIN - acting headman and not outstanding.

Headmen : BOGALMIN

SAGIMSEP - not impressive but can be guided.

NINESOK - co-operative and satisfactory.

Population : TELEFOLIP - 160
BOGALMIN - 190

KOBOREMIN

40 minutes walk from the station but not on a vehicular road. Hamlets, UGUSAVIP, FIRINDUVIP and NONKARUN.

Headmen : KWENGSEP - satisfactory and working well.

KARUNGSEP - satisfactory and working well.

Population : 150.

HOUSING

Houses throughout the Telefomin area confirm to the same pattern. Walls and floors are made from rough, split palings lined with bark. Roofs are made from any available material and include grass, ferns, and pandanus leaf. The thatch is poor.

These houses are generally satisfactory and provided they are kept clean would be more hygienic than the average Highland earth,floored dwelling.

Villages were clean and tidy at the time of the patrol visit - one even being decorated with flowers.

There is only one Rest House in the area, at KIALIKMAN FERAMIN and no more are required. This is maintained by the

Feramin group.

Other villages in the area are sufficiently close to the station and have sufficient responsibilities without maintaining rest houses.

HEALTH

Mr. E.M.A. Lightfoot accompanied the patrol and will submit a detailed report to his Department.

As will be seen from the census status there were a large number of deaths in the area - these occurring in the period since November 1958 when the last census revision took place.

The Aid Post at Feramin was inspected and is a credit to the orderly in charge.

In comparison the Aid Post at Telefomin is very poor and the orderly appeared to have very little idea of his duties. Cases obviously requiring hospitalization were being treated in the village - and in a village less than a mile from the hospital.

ROADS

Roads used tracks in the area are satisfactory although more attention should be paid to the BOGALMIN - Sepik section.

Six villages in the area can be reached by motor bike or tractor and a road to MISIMIN could be constructed.

The Sol and Sepik Gorges form sufficient deterrent to the construction of other roads at this juncture.

Three bridges are maintained over the Sepik and one over the Sol - all are satisfactory.

SCHOOLS

There are no village schools in the area, Telefomin Station School being sufficient for the needs of the people. Twenty-six Feramins and twenty Telefomins attend the station school.

MISSIONS

The Baptist Missionaries at Telefomin have permits to enter Feramin area but have not been very active to-date. They plan to construct a light aircraft strip, in the area in the future, and use it in a similar manner to the TIFALMIN and ELIPTAMIN strips, but this project has not advanced beyond the talking stage.

In the Telefomin section, church services are held each Sunday and literacy classes in the vernacular are conducted twice weekly.

Report on Police .

No. 7403 , Constable (1st Class) KUSINOK .

A local Telefomin with a good sense of command .

No. 3976 , Senior Constable AMPULA.

Accompanied the patrol to Feramin . Conscientious and capable.

No. 6900 Constable WAPE.

Performed well . Promotion has been recommended .

No. 9503 Constable ARE .

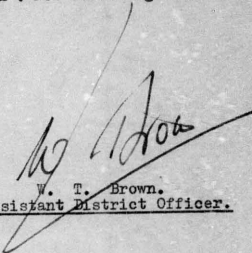
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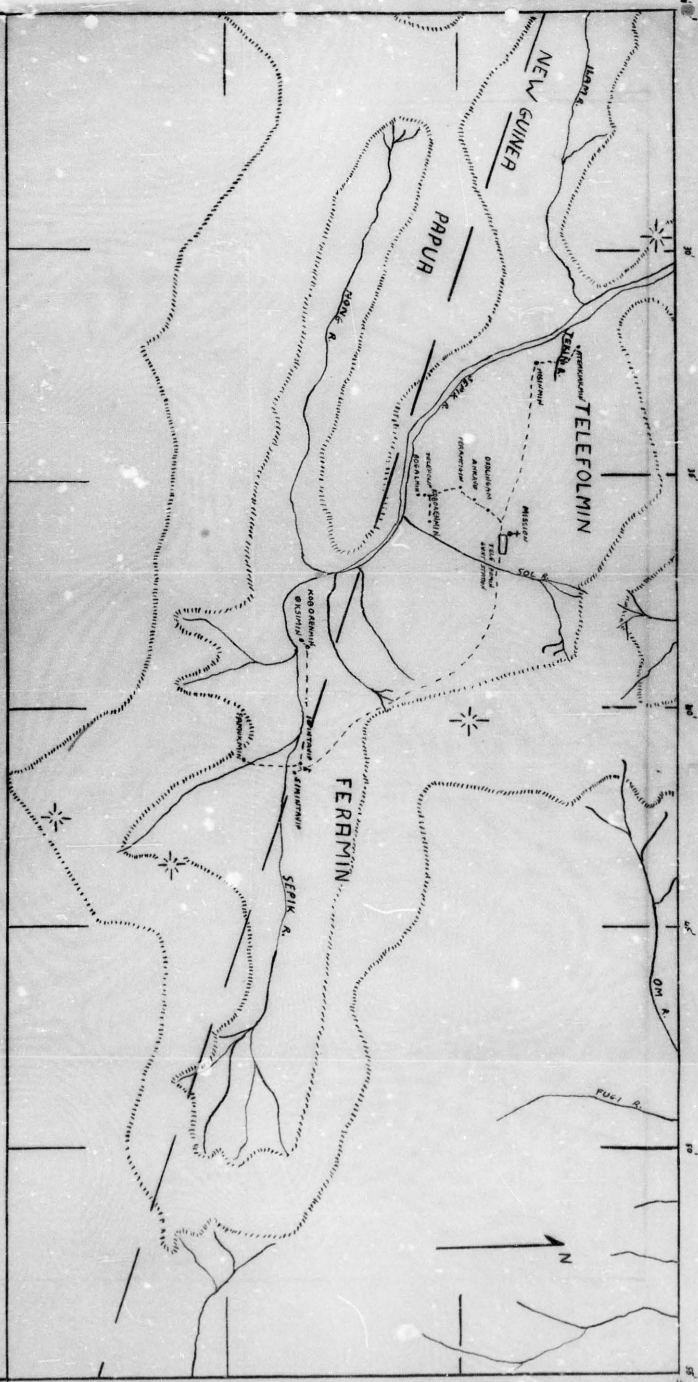
No. 9006 Constable NIGI.

Satisfactory . Conduct good .

No. 3991 Constable WASINAU.

A local Telefomin . Not over bright and lacks perseverance .


W. T. Brown.
Assistant District Officer.



Scale: 1:50,000

• SUB-DISTRICT MAP
 ◦ OBSERVATIONS

MAP TO ACCOMPANY TELEFOMIN PATROL
 REPORT No. 2 of 1959-60



LEGEND

○ APPROX. LOC. OF MOUNTAIN KAMBEI.
 - - - - - DIST. ROUTE.
 - - - - - PATROL ROUTE.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. Telkom N°3 of 1959-60

Patrol Conducted by W. T. BROWN A.D.O.

Area Patrolled ELIPTAMIN VALLEY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1. LIGHTFOOT, E.M.A.

Natives 10

Duration—From 20/10/1959 to 29/10/1959

Number of Days TEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany YES

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3/1959

Medical 3/1958

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol (i) CENSUS REVISION, (ii) ROUTINE
(iii) FAMILIARIZATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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Village Population

Year 1959

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												MIGRATION		
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13				
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	Females in Child Birth	M	F
	1959																	
	OCTOBER																	
ABUNKAMIN	22	2	2		1		1	1								1		1
AFOEAVIP.	28		1							1								
AGUMTAVIP.	22	1	1															1
BILTAVIP.	23	1	3					1						1				3
INANTIGAN.	28	1						1						1				5
IUATIGAN.	28	1	1													5	1	
KOGRAMIN.	21	1	2	1			1							5	2			
KOMPAVIP.	26	1	2											3	4			1
MISIMIN.	27	3	1	2														
OFEKAMIN.	29	1	1													1		1
TAGATEMTIGIN	22	1	1															
TERAPDAVIP.	21													1	1		1	4
UTEHTIGIN.	21					1								1	2		1	
BOLVIL.	28		1											2	1			
		13	16	3	1	2	1	3	1					13	13	8	16	

Attendance Register

Area Patrolled... ELIPTAMIN

ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT HOME				STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL M + F				
Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of BLVDING Age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults					
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NA67-8-18

1st December, 1959.

District Officer,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

TELEPOLMIN REPORT NO. 3/59-60.

Although there are some advantages in having local police there are serious risks involved. In fact it would probably assist efficient Administration if all police personnel were transferred at least every four years.

It is fairly natural for the older people to react in the manner described by Mr. Brown after such an upheaval as occurred in 1953. I agree that this sensitivity needs a degree of fairly close supervision.

A term of agreement labour for some of the younger men might induce a greater appreciation of our aims and objectives.

A routine consolidation patrol efficiently exercised.

Contingencies are returned to you for payment.

(A.A. Roberts)
Director.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-8-18 ✓



In Reply
Please Quote

No Pr. Tel 3-59/60/927

District Office
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

19th November, 1959

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

TELEFOLMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 3 - 59/60

A report of a patrol to the Eliptamin valley,
Telefolmin area is forwarded yours for information, please.

The patrol, which was undertaken by Mr. Assistant
District Officer Brown accompanied by Mr. Lightfoot, European
Medical Assistant, was of a routine nature and constituted
Mr. Brown's first visit to the area since his taking over
Telefolmin.

Though the general native situation is, on the face
of it, quite satisfactory, it is obvious that the Eliptamin
populace will have to be watched carefully. They have proved
once that we are vulnerable. It will be a long time before
they become worthy of trust.

Mr. Brown's comments regarding posting of Telefolmin
police beyond the District for outside experience has been
noted. I will request that trainees at present at Goroka be
posted beyond the Sepik for a period.

Claims for camping allowance are enclosed for
authorization of payment please.

A. T. Carey
(A. T. CAREY)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

Encls.

Pr.Tel 3-59/60/927

District Office
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

19th November, 1959

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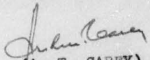
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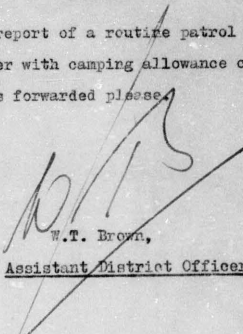
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Sub-District Office,
Telefomin,
Sepik District.

11th November, 1959.

The District Officer,
Sepik District.
W E W A K.

Patrol Report - No. 3. of 1959/60
Telefomin.

The above report of a routine patrol to the
Eliptamin, together with camping allowance claims,
and sketch map, is forwarded please.


W.T. Brown,
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Report No.3 of 1959 - 60 - TELEFOMIN.

Officer Conducting Patrol : W.T. Brown. A.D.O.
Area Patrolled : Eliptamin Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying : Mr. I. Lightfoot E.M.A.
No. 3976 Sen. Const. AMPULA
No. 3937 Const. 1st Cl. GARI
No. 9433 Const. MANDEKAI
No. 9185 Const. YARIP
No. 8992 Const. PIGI
No. 8968 Const. IAKO
No. 8071 Const. KAPOK
No. 7494 Const. MATUM
No. 6900 Const. WAPE
No. 8979 Const. M.L.
Duration of Patrol : 20-10-59 - 29-10-59.
No. of Days : Ten.
Objects of Patrol : a) Census revision.
b) Routine
c) Familiarization
Map Reference : Sketch map attached
Telefomin Fourmil
Last Patrol to Area : March, 1959.

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INTRODUCTION :

The objects of this patrol were the revision of census of the Eliptamin sub-division, the consolidation of Administration influence and routine native affairs.

The Eliptamin valley lies North of Telefomin and is separated from the Telefomin valley by the narrow high divide formed by the Mittag Mountains. It is formed by the Mittag Mountains on the south, the parallel Donner Range to the north and the linking range in the east. The valley has no true floor, but falls from a U-shaped trough to a deep V-shaped declivity at the junction of the Elip and the Sepik.

There is no flat ground of any area in the valley and with the exception of the Sepik / Elip Junction the whole area is ringed by the steep sides of the surrounding ranges which rise to a minimum of 6,500 ft.

DIARY :

Tuesday, October 20, 1959.

Accompanied by Mr. I. Lightfoot E.M.A. departed Telefomin and commenced the ascent of the Mittag divide reaching the top in 1 hr. 50 mins., - elevation 7,750 ft. A.S.L. At this point the geology of the range changes from limestone to shales, quartzites and mud-stones.

Commenced the descent following the boulder strewn bed of the Tol River passing below one extremely large landslide.

Arrived TERAPDAVIP Rest House and advised headman that census would be revised the following morning.

Discussions with assembled people and food purchases.

Walking time 3 hrs. 5 mins.

Elevation 4,700 ft. A.S.L.

Wednesday, October 21, 1959.

At Terapdavip,

Census revision - Terapdavip, Kobramin, and Utentigin villages.

Medical inspection by Mr. Lightfoot. Number of spastics from polio outbreak of 1954 seen.

Inspected TERAPDAVIP and KOBRAMIN villages. KOBRAMIN village has been re-sited and new houses built. The village area is dirty and unimpressive. People requested to modify.

Food purchases. Radio contact with Telefomin.

Thursday, October 22, 1959.

Departed TERAPDAVIP, descended to junction of the ELIP and ABUNG Rivers and then climbed the ridge on opposite bank to UTENTIGIN village.

Elevation 4,650 ft. A.S.L.

Walking time 40 mins.

Village inspection - satisfactory.

Departed UTENTIGIN and proceeded over broken ridges to

ABUNKAM village. Village inspected and census revised.

Walking time 45 mins.

Elevation 4,900 ft. A.S.L.

Departed ABUNKAMIN and descended to ABUNG River (4,300 ft) crossed and commenced the steep climb to AGUNDAVIP.

Census revised and village inspected. - Satisfactory.

Walking time 25 mins.

Elevation 4,750 ft. A.S.L.

Departed AGUNDAVIP and followed along the ridges above to ABUN River to TAGATEMTIGIN. Camped. Radio contact Telefomin.

Walking time 30 mins.

Elevation 4,900 ft. A.S.L.

Friday, October 23, 1959.

At TAGATEMTIGIN

Census revision BILTAVIP and TAGATEMTIGIN. Village inspection.

Native affairs.

Radio contact, - Telefomin.

Saturday, October 24, 1959.

Departed TAGATEMTIGIN and descended to junction of ABUNG and ELIP River. Fossils found in river bed and collected.

Ascended to TERAPDAVIP Rest House and then continued to airstrip constructed by Baptist Mission. Strip inspected.

Walking time 1 hour.

Moved on paralling the course of the Elip River on the ridges above the South bank to Bolvil.

Village people at Rest House - native affairs and general discussion.

Walking time 45 mins.

Elevation 4,800 ft. A.S.L.

Sunday, October 25, 1959.

At Bolvil.

Census revision Bolvil and Afogavip.

Village inspection.

Monday, October 26, 1959.

Departed Bolvil and again followed across the ridges

above the Elip - proceeded KOMDAVIP.

Walking time 1 hour 20 minutes.

Elevation 4,900 ft. A.S.L.

Census revised and village inspected.

Tuesday, October 27, 1959.

Departed KOMDAVIP and continued along the side of the Mittags to MISINMIN.

Walking time 1 hour.

Elevation 4,900 ft.

Census revised, village inspection etc.

Wednesday, October 28, 1959.

Departed MISIMIN and proceeded across steep gullies to INANTIGAN.

Walking time 1 hour.

Elevation 5,400 ft. A.S.L.

Commenced census revision INANTIGIN and IUATIGAN.

Village inspection.

Thursday, October 29, 1959.

Broke camp 0630 and commenced to ascend the Mittag Range arriving at the summit, 6,600 ft. A.S.L., at 0805. Spelled and signalled station with mirrors.

Moved on at 0820 and descended down the Telefomin side of range to OPEKAMIN, arriving 0925.

Walking time 2 hours 40 minutes.

Village inspection and census revision.

Elevation 5,300 ft.

Departed OPEKAMIN and after climbing heavily timbered ridge proceeded through grass lands to Telefomin.

Walking time 1 hour 40 minutes.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The Eliptamin peoples attitude to the Administration has been reported by the last two patrols as improving.

I would assess the feeling of the older generations as one of diffidence and independence. There is little in this older groups attitude to indicate they have a permanent respect for law and order. One gathers the impression that they feel quite competent to handle any situation at the appropriate time and would resist any lawful co-ercion or

interference if not backed by adequate force.

Administration in the area is rendered difficult by the large area over which the Eliptamin people garden and the short periods they spend within the Eliptamin valley.

At any one time almost half of the people are absent from the valley at gardens and garden settlements in the FAK, FU, KWEP, NINA and OM Rivers and associated tributaries - embracing an area of some 350 square miles.

The younger generation have a greater working knowledge of the outside world and in time their influence will be felt.

In this group there are three members of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary, three Aid Post Orderlies, two medical trainees and one police trainee. Three youths from Eliptamin were recently baptized in the Baptist faith.

Of the police members from Eliptamin two are stationed at Telefomin and have had little "outside" experience. An inter-District transfer for at least one of the members stationed at Telefomin would be of later benefit to the community. Future recruits would be better posted outside the District.

The third Eliptamin police constable is stationed at Lumi and has requested a transfer to Telefomin. The transfer was refused as the Telefomin component of the detachment is now 17%. He too would be of more value to the administration of the community if posted outside the District.

Thirty Eliptamins recently returned from employment at KEREVAT. Some of these have acquired a rudimentary knowledge of Pidgin English and have become minor spokesmen for the villages, but do not appear to have exerted any great influence apart from this.

Twenty seven Eliptamins are serving long term gaol sentences for their participation in the 1953 murders.

VILLAGE AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

TERAPDAVIP

Situated on the right bank of the Tol River on the Northern slopes of the MITTAG Mountain.

Rest house in good condition. Aid Post to be set up in the immediate future.

Mission airstrip ten minutes from village.

Headman : traditional headman in gaol at Wewak for participation in the murder of Cadet Patrol Officer Harris. No successor has been appointed.

MINIMASEP, a Pidgin speaker, is self appointed spokesman.

Population : 101.

KOBRAMIN

Situated in the Eastern end of the valley on the

right bank of the ELIP River.

Village reconstructed but surrounds need attention.

Village assist maintain TERAPDAVIP Rest House.

Headman : APANSEP has assumed the position in place of MUNIMSIMOK who died in April. Middle aged and not impressive.

UTEMTIGIN

Situated on a ridge above the junction of the ABUNG and ELIP Rivers.

Share in the maintenance of TERAPDAVIP Rest House.

Headmen : DUKEIBENGIM Appears to be anti Administration but could be natural mannerisms. Exerts a degree of influence over TERAPDAVIP people.

APANSEP A new star. Voluble and ostensibly anxious to please.

ABUNKAMIN

Located near the headwaters of the ABUNG River on the left bank.

Rest House satisfactory.

Headmen : ILOENBIM Past his prime and shows little activity.

ILAKULENGIM Appears to be assuming control. As yet untried.

Population : 148.

AGUMTAVIP

Located on the Southern slopes of DOWNER RANGE above the right bank of the ABUNG River.

Headman : KALPAGENGIM Not impressive.

Population : 93.

AFOGAVIP

On the Northern slopes of the Mittag Range.

Headman : DUGAI-IMNOK - co-operative and helpful.

Population : 92.

BOLVIL

Consists of three hamlets situated on the northern slopes of the MITTAG Mountains. The Bolvil and AFOGAVIP people recently combined to build a Rest House between the two villages and have maintained it satisfactorily. The Rest House is of unusual design and a trifle airy but is a good effort - more especially as the construction was spontaneous.

Headmen : ETKATOLENGIM No. 1. } Both co-operative
KUPBLENGIM No. 2. } and willing.

Population : 149.

BILTAVIP

Situated on the Southern slopes of the DONNER RANGE.

Headman : TOMAHAWK No. 1. Unimpressive.

DESONGENGIM No. 2. Young and enthusiastic - but has not the respect gained by age.

Population : 96.

TAGATEMTIGIN

Situated on the Southern slopes of the DONNER RANGE between BILTAVIP and AGUMTAVIP.

Headman : UNIBENGIM A pleasant ancient who co-operates well.

Population : 125.

KOMDAVIP

Four hamlets FAKKOVIP, TEROPTIGIN, ADALAVIP, and KOMDAVIP on the Northern slopes of the MITTAG Mountains.

Headmen : IFROWENGIM No. 1. } Not very impressive,
TINBILENGIM No. 2. } do not inspire any confidence.

Rest House satisfactory.

Population : 284.

MISIMIN

Consists of two hamlets on the Northern slopes of the Mittag Range.

Rest House constructed by previous patrol. The people object to maintaining this Rest House and desire to combine with INANTIGIN, against INANTIGIN'S wishes, in maintaining INANTIGIN Rest House. The ~~INANTIGIN~~ MISIMIN Rest House is to be maintained.

This group appear the most volatile of the Eliptamin and should be watched.

Headman : KABENGIM - a Government appointee - very little value.

Population : 121.

INANTIGIN.

Two small hamlets situated on ridge above the ATEM River, on the Northern slopes of the MITTAG Range.

Rest House good - commanding view of the fall to the Sepik, and Four Pinnacles.

Headman : NOVENGAL No. 1. Old and dis-interested.

TIGINTAGANENEM Influential and co-operative.

Population : 96.

Watch this group

IUATIGAN

Situated on a high ridge at the North Western end of the MITTAG Range.

Headman : MIAMKACENG Enthusiastic although old. Spent some time in gaol for participation in the murder of Patrol Officer Harris and there acquired some Pidgin.

Population : 51.

OFEKAMIN

Two hamlets and garden settlements along the OFEK River on the Telefomin side of the MITTAGS.

Headman : ESEP Does not appear to have much control over his people.

Population : 75.

ROADS.

All tracks into the Eliptamin valley from Telefomin ascend the steep MITTAG Range shortly after leaving Telefomin, crossing the range at 6,600 ft. to 7,750 ft. The possibilities of improving these sections are remote as the steepness, forest and outcrops would make any construction expensive and protracted.

The structure changes on the crest of the range and the Northern slopes are formed from shales and mud-stones typified by landslides, and long steep boulder strewn creek beds. The lack of stability of the surface and faces in the area would deter any construction of formed roads or tracks.

Internal tracks are satisfactory and were cleaned prior to the patrol.

HEALTH.

Mr. I. Lightfoot, Medical Assistant, accompanied the patrol and will report direct to his Department.

In general the health of the people is good, - a general freedom from sores was noticeable and can be attributed to the action taken by the previous patrol in March, 1959.

A number of spasms were seen by the patrol and it was pleasing to note the care given these by the village people. The outbreak appears to have followed the return of witnesses from murder trials of 1953/54. Few villages are without signs of the outbreak but the lack of close community life probably prevented a more widespread outbreak.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

This section was fully covered in the previous report and there has been little change.

The small size of the taro from this and the previous years harvest has caused general dis-satisfaction throughout the area. This is attributed to the fact that no "Taro feasts" have been held since immediately prior to the incidents of 1953.

Taro feasts are now being planned and will be held

immediately the work and the ceremonial associated with the re-construction of the central "haus tambran" at Telefop allows.

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

The Baptist Missionaries at Telefomin hold limited restricted area permits for the North side of the Eliptamin valley and visit the area by M.A.F. aircraft for a few hours once each fortnight.

They have several local teachers stationed at the TERAPDAVIP strip who conduct classes in the vernacular but Mission influence is very slight.

Three Eliptamins have been baptized.

The number of Eliptamin lads at the Telefomin station school has decreased from 14 to 12 as a result of recent policy changes.

As yet there is no real clamour for education and the regularity and monotony associated with schooling is not popular.

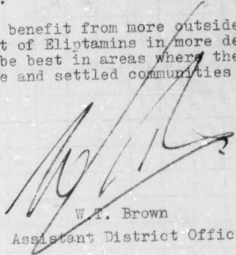
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At this stage of development the Eliptamin requires more constant patrolling and more time to be spent among the people.

This patrol was necessarily brief and was my first visit to the area. The next formal patrol to the area will be in three months time and will establish the two Aid Posts. At least two days will be spent with each group.

In the meantime visits will be made to OPEKAMIN and the head of the valley.

The area would benefit from more outside contact, that is, the employment of Eliptamins in more developed areas. Such employment would be best in areas where the people could see something of urban life and settled communities


W. T. Brown
Assistant District Officer.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year 1959

ELIPTAMIN

Govt. Print-244/P.21

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AFOCAVIP	28		1					1							2			3				2				7	27	6	25	4	26	1-8	15	16	26	24	92		
ACUMTAVIP	22	1	1											1		1										13	28	9	20	4	21	2-1	16	21	33	23	53		
BILTAVIP	33	1	3			1						1			3			5								9	28	8	26	3	27	1-9	21	24	27	28	105		
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KOBRAMIN	21	1	2	1		1						5	2					9		1						20	46	9	25	2	24	2-1	30	26	42	37	143		
KOMDANIP	26	1	2									3	4		1	3	6	9				2	2			18	75	21	73	4	76	1-8	70	39	77	78	284		
MISIMIN	27	3	1	2												2	4					1				9	36	15	33	2	34	1-8	26	27	35	38	121		
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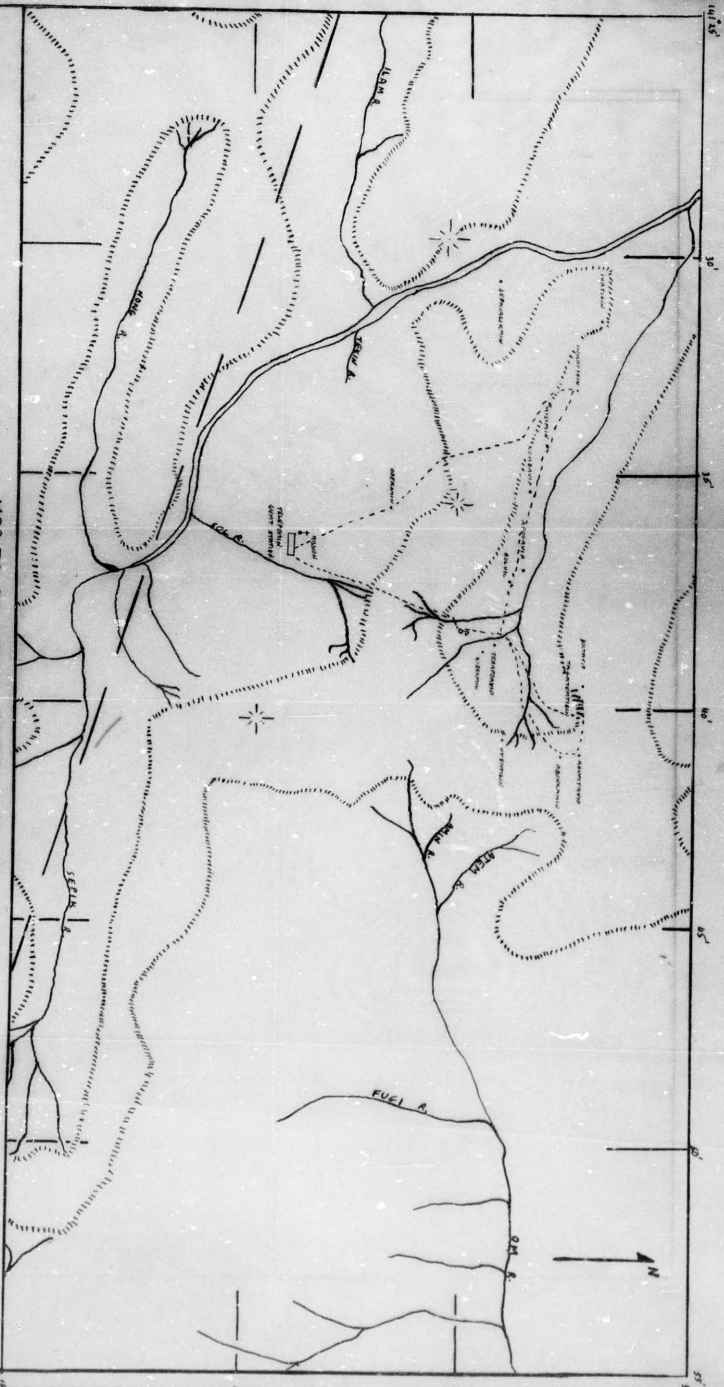
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MAP TO ACCOMPANY TELECOMIN PATROL

REPORT No. 3 of 1959-60

LEGEND

- AREA OF 100 ACRES
- AREA OF 50 ACRES
- AREA OF 25 ACRES
- AREA OF 10 ACRES
- AREA OF 5 ACRES
- AREA OF 2 ACRES
- AREA OF 1 ACRE





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK, TILLEMOMIN Report No. Nº 4 59-60
 Patrol Conducted by W. T. BROWN, A.P.O.
 Area Patrolled ELIPIAMIN
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1. LIGHTFOOT, E.M.A.
 Natives 15
 Duration—From 3/2/1960 to 13/2/1960
 Number of Days 11
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany YES
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 10/1959
 Medical 10/1959
 Map Reference SKETCH ATTACHED
 Objects of Patrol ROUTINE

Director of Native Affairs,
 PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

18/3/1960

W. T. Brown

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £
 Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ...

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
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No. PR. Tel. 4-59/60/537

Port Moresby,
District Office,
Sepik District,
NEWAE.

18th March, 1960

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONROBOBU.

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DISTRICT OFFICER

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District Office,
Sepla District,
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18th March, 1960

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Report No. 4 of 1959 - 60 - TELEFOMIN

Officer Conducting Patrol : W.T. Brown A.D.O.

Area Patrolled : Portion Victor Emanuel Range
Upper Oum Valley
Eliptamin Valley.

Personnel Accompanying : Mr. I. Lightfoot E.M.A.
No. 3975 Const. Ist. Cl. AMPULA
No. 8992 Const. FIGI
No. 9185 Const. YARIP
No. 8965 Const. IAKO
No. 8991 Const. WARSINAU
No. 8071 Const. KAPOK
No. 9113 Const. PIANGA
No. 7494 Const. MATUM
No. 7308 Const. LAVION
No. 9006 Const. NIGI
No. 9053 Const. ARE
No. 9445 Const. WANDU

Duration of Patrol : 3/2/60. - 13/2/60.

No. of Days : **XEN.** Eleven.

Objects of Patrol : Consolidation OKSAPMIN
(Unsuccessful)
Routine.

Map Reference : Attached.

Last Patrol to Area : ELIPTAMIN - November 59.

INTRODUCTION :

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The Crossing from the Sepik to OUM fall by this route is at 10,500 feet, and for this reason the patrol was lightly laden, designed for speed and carrying the bare minimum of food.

Previous advice indicated that the OUM route to the OKSAPMIN was impassable due to flooding, leaving the Sepik the only other known route. The Sepik route likewise proved to be impassable and the patrol deployed West to cross the Victor Emanuel Range.

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The only alternative to this was to return over the outward route having accomplished nothing and wasted much time and energy.

DIARY :

Departed Telefomin and proceeded along the established patrol route via the Sol Gorge to Feramin.

Sol River in high flood.

Walking time 8 3/4 hours.

Despite previous advice all people absent at garden hamlets and no native foods available. Rice issued.

Guides returned to advise Sepik in full flood and route involving numerous crossings impossible. Decided to attempt OUM route, although guides consider this also impractical.

Heavy rain at night.

Thursday, 4th February, 1960.

Departed FERAMIN at 0730 and returned to OUM River, and followed up left bank. Fair track but continual ascent and all making heavy going. Heavy rain.

Arrived at clearing known as BEIEMWIGIN at 1200, altitude 6,700 feet and made camp in heavy rain.

Very cold wet night.

Friday, 5th February, 1960.

Broke camp and departed at 0730, and commenced climbing, arriving at the first crest at 0840, 8100 feet a.s.l.

Track shrouded in mist, and rain continuing.

Descended from the crest and continued across

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Commenced descent at 1:30 and pitched small native camp at junction of MALAVUM and LAGUN Creeks at 1040. Altitude 7,100 feet a.s.l.

Continued descending and arrived at garden hamlet of the FERABIN people, consisting of five houses, known as FUNKORTIGEN at 1315. Altitude 6,000 feet.

Camp made in heavy rain. No native food available.

Discussions with people regarding route to OKSAPIN. From here the people, without cargo, take four days to reach the OKSAPIN boundary and five days to reach the first habitation.

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Sunday 7th February 1960.

Decided there was little point in retracing our steps through known country, so proceeded North east towards the upper OM.

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Continued North easterly at approximately the 1,500 feet level and then descended gradually to the OM arriving at 1,300 hours.

The last section of this walk lies through fairly thick nettles and is not recommended.

Made camp on terrace on right bank of the OM.

Monday, 8th February, 1960.

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Village inspection.

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Village inspection - medical inspection and native affairs.

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NATIVE SITUATION.

Although the planned patrol to the OKLAMEN was not feasible it was decided rather than return to the station direct to visit the ELIPTAMIN villages on the Southern slopes of the MITTAG Range.

The area was last fully patrolled, and the census revised, three months ago. The ELIPTAMIN people in the past have been the malcontents and for this reason they have been receiving a deal of attention. Additionally they, particularly the KONDAVIP people, exert a considerable influence on the MIAMIN peoples.

Considering this patrol was unheralded, and particularly visited the more dissident villages, the response was particularly good.

Over thirty percent of the population visited the patrol and were medically examined. The ELIPTAMIN people garden over an area of 350 square miles and the response was therefore quite surprising.

At KONDAVIP the notables stated that the KONDAVIP people were primarily responsible for the 1953 murders but that they had now learnt new ways and would cause no further trouble. They stated that Europeans could visit their area with complete freedom and without

fear, and that night guards were completely unnecessary. Night guards will be maintained.

The following have now been appointed probationary village officials. After due trial their appointments will be recommended.

VILLAGE	LULUAL	TULUL
TERAPDAVIP	PIRITENEM	
KOBEAMIN	APANSEP	RANGHENCE
AFOGAVIP	MAGITOPROK	TAGALINOK
BOLVIL	KABARESEM	NEWESEP
KCADAVIP	IPORENEM	ATIKBEREM
MISIMIN	BANDIOK	
BILTAVIP	TAMHAWK	
AGUMTAVIP	KUTAGENGA	RONSEP
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UTEMTIGEN	MOIFAPROK	TESEVENEM
ABNEAMAN	ILAPROBENGEM	KARUSEP

These probationary village officials were appointed mainly in accord with public opinion and include some of the die-hard old leaders and some of the younger generation. Since their appointment there has been a continual stream of foot-stamping, "saluting" phallic crypt clad gentry to TELEFOMIN resorting minor crisis - accompanied by as many aspirants and pretenders to the positions.

The change from administration through the unrecognised Headman to administration through accredited village officials, at this early stage, appears to have been most beneficial.

HEALTH.

Mr. I. Lightfoot accompanied the patrol and has submitted a report to his Department.

At my behest an Aid Post has been established at TERAPDAVIP. From a Medical point of view it may be a trifle premature but from an administration point of view it is most desirable.

The Aid Post orderly, a recent graduate is most unimpressive. The newly constructed Aid Post and the general medical work left much to be desired and the Aid Post has now been completely reconstructed under the guidance of Constable PIGI, an Eliptamin.

CONCLUSION.

The ELIPTAMIN group will be completely patrolled and the census revised in two months time. The way that can and will, be started on this area will effect the whole of this section of the Sub-district.

Already the MIANMIN group are visiting the station in increasing numbers to work, and to obtain medical attention. They recently received instructions to bring one of the community in to the station for Preliminary Hearings at Arbunti, and did so.

As the people realise that patrols are formal and regular, and not bush walks, we will achieve more rapid progress.

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REPORT ON POLICE.

No. 3976	Const.	Ist.Cl.	AMPULA	-	Efficient and capable.
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The area was last fully patrolled, and the census revised, three months ago. The ELIPTAMIN people in the past have been the malcontents and for this reason they have been receiving a deal of attention. Additionally they, particularly the KOMDAVIP people, exert a considerable influence on the MIANMIN peoples.

Considering this patrol was unheralded, and particularly visited the more diffident villages the response was particularly good.

Over thirty percent of the population visited the patrol and were medically examined. The ELIPTAMIN people garden over an area of 350 square miles and the response was therefore quite surprising.

At KOMDAVIP the notables stated that the KOMDAVIP people primarily responsible for the 1953 murders but that they had now learnt new ways and would cause no further trouble. They stated that Europeans could visit their area with complete freedom and without

fear, and that night guards were completely unnecessary. Night guards will be maintained.

The following have now been appointed probationary village officials. After due trial their appointments will be recommended.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>LULUAI</u>	<u>TULUL</u>
TERAPDAVIP	FIRITENEIM	
KOBRAMIN	APANSEP	RANGHOKHOK
AFOGAVIP	MAGITOPHOK	TAGAIMHOK
BOLVIL	KABARENEIM	NEWSEP
KOMDAVIP	IFORENEIM	ATIFBEREN
MISIMIN	BONDIOK	
BILTAVIP	TAMTHAWK	
AGUMTAVIP	KUTAGENGA	RONSEP
TAGATEFICIN	UHIPHOK	
UTEMTIGEN	MOIFAPHOK	TESEVENIM
ABUNKAMAN	ILAPKORENGIM	KARUSEP

These probationary village officials were appointed mainly in accord with public opinion and include some of the die-hard old leaders and some of the younger generation. Since their appointment there has been a continual stream of foot-stamping, "saluting" phalocrypt clad gentry to TELEFOMIN reporting minor crime - accompanied by as many aspirants and pretenders to the positions.

The change from administration through the unrecognised headman to administration through accredited village officials, at this early stage, appears to have been most beneficial.

HEALTH.

Mr. I. Lightfoot accompanied the patrol and has submitted a report to his Department.

At my behest an Aid Post has been established at TERAPDAVIP. From a Medical point of view it may be a trifle premature but from an administration point of view it is most desirable.

The Aid Post orderly, a recent graduate is most unimpressive. The newly constructed Aid Post and the general medical work left much to be desired and the Aid Post has now been completely reconstructed under the guidance of Constable FIGI, an Eliptamin.

CONCLUSION.

The KLIPTAMIN group will be completely patrolled and the census revised in two months time. The way that can, and will, be altered on this area will effect the whole of this section of the Sub-district.

Already the MIANMIN group are visiting the station in increasing numbers to work, and to obtain medical attention. They recently received instructions to bring one of the community in to the station for Preliminary Hearings at Ambunti, and did so.

As the people realize that patrols are formal and regular, and not bush walks, we will achieve more rapid progress.



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REPORT ON POLICE.

- No. 3976 Const. Ist.Cl. AMPULA - Efficient and capable.
- No. 8992 Const. FIGZ - An Eliptamin - performed his duties, and liason with confidence and ability.
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- No. 7494 Const. MATUM - Satisfactory.
- No. 7308 Const. LAVION - Satisfactory.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK - TELEFOMIN Report No. 5 of 1959.60.

Patrol Conducted by W. T. BROWN, A.D.O.

Area Patrolled URAPMIN - TIKALMIN.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans A. HOFFMAN, G.M.A.

Natives 11 POLICE

Duration—From 2/4/1960 to 7/4/1960.

Number of Days SIX

Did Medical Assistant Accompany YES

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/1959

Medical 1958

Map Reference Attached

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE CONSOLIDATION
CENSUS.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

W. T. Brown
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W. J. B. ...

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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67-8-42

15th July, 1960.

The Mission Liaison Officer,
Education Department,
KORORODU.

EXTRACT FROM PATROL REPORT NO. 5/59-60
TELEFOUR

The following is an extract from the above report, which is passed to you for your information please:-

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(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

67-8-42

15th July, 1960.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

TELEFOLMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 5/59-60

Your complimentary remarks on the work of the Baptist Mission are indeed refreshing.

There is no doubt that the attitude of the people to the West of Telefolmin indicates a real improvement, especially their co-operation of the Aid Post. It would not be surprising if the Mission has been unable to do much actual converting at this stage, but it is apparent that they are laying a real foundation for Christianity. The short visits of the European wives can be expected to have an excellent educative effect on the local ladies.

As with Mr Markwell, I notice a member of the Public Health Department accompanied Mr Brown; again, an excellent idea if the exigencies of both services permit.

It needs patience to listen to interminable petty squabbles, but as Mr Brown infers, it is easier than cleaning up the mess that results from tribal murders. It is significant of the change in attitude that the people now prefer arbitration to the more drastic methods formerly practised.

(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



67-8-42. ✓



In Reply
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MPR.Tel.5-59/60/1229

District Office,
Sepik District,
HEWAK.

29th June, 1960

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KOMEDOBU.

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Area Patrolled : TIFALMIN and URAEMIN Census
Sub-Divisions.
Personnell Accompanying : Mr. A. Hoffman E.M.A.
No. 2553 Const. 1st. WALINGINGI
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No. 9053 Const. ARE
No. 16103 Bugler BANGAI
No. 6067 B Const. BISAMBI
No. 9674 Const. IMAS
Duration of Patrol : 2-4-60 to 7-4-60.
No. of days : Six
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2. Consolidation.
Map Reference : Attached sketch.
Last Patrol to Area : September 1959.

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DIARY :

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Guard posted.

Sunday, April 3rd, 1960.

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Native affairs. One body removed from bier in trees and buried under supervision.

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Inspected airstrip and aid post. Census and medical inspection. Hamlet inspections.

Guard at night.

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Census - medical inspection and village inspection.

Native affairs.

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Wednesday, April 6th, 1960.

Returned URAPMIN.

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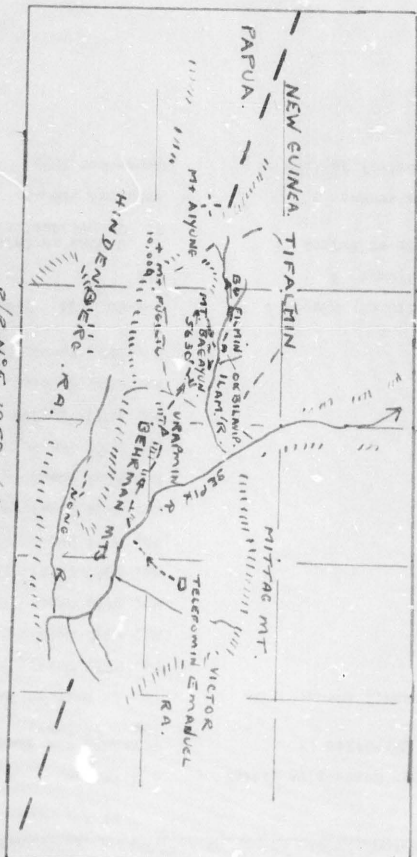
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK TELEFOMIN Report No. 6 of 1959-60

Patrol Conducted by W T BROWN ADD.

Area Patrolled ELIPYAMIN.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans J. F. TIERNEY, P.O.

Natives 8

Duration—From 20/4/1960 to 27/4/1960

Number of Days EIGHT

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2/1960

Medical 2/1960

Map Reference ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol CENSUS REVISION

ROUTING

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

6/16/1960

[Signature]

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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P.R.Tel.6-59/60/1088

District Office,
Sepik District,
WENAK.

6th June, 1960

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KORORORU.

PATROL REPORT - TELEFOLMIN NO. 6-59/60

Please find enclosed a report of a patrol to the Eliptamin Census Division of the Telefolmin Subdistrict. The patrol was led by Mr. W. T. Brown and accompanied by Patrol Officer, J. F. Tierney.

The patrol was a routine one for people and country such as this. This area is getting quite a good deal of attention and the people are very, very slowly starting to respond. The net result indeed in this particular area is that "they now expect patrols and prepare for them".

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER

Encl. *Director*

*For info. please
certifying results from
partially recorded.
I agree. Good progress
& a good report. 14/6
J. K. W. [Signature]
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA .

Patrol Report No. 6 of 1959/60. TELEFOMIN .

Officer Conducting Patrol ; W. T. Brown - ADO.

AREA Patrolled ; Eliptamin Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying; J.F.Tierney, P.O.
No. 2553 Const. 1st C.WALINGINGI.
No. 8992 Const. FIGI .
No. 9185 Const YARIF .
No. 8979 Const MAI ,
No. 9647 Const ARE,
No. 9053 Const IMAS ,
No. 9006 Const NIGI,
No. 7043Const 1KUSINOK.

Duration of Patrol ; 20-4-60 - 27-4-60.

No. of Days ; Eight.

Objects ; Consolidation.
Census Revision.

Map Reference ; Attached.

Last Patrol to Area ; February , 1960.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA .

PATROL REPORT No. 6 of 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN .

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Introduction ;

The Eliptamin valley lies immediately North of Telefomin , and is separated from the Telefomin valley by the Mittag Mountains - a narrow range with crossings at 6,600 feet and 7,750 feet.

The population at the head of the valley is sited on both sides of the Elip(or Donner) River and then lies along the left bank on the foothills of the Mittags to the confluence of the Elip and Sepik .

There is little flat ground of any description in the valley which is bounded on the south by the Mittag Mountains, on the north by the Donner Range and on the East by the Sepik/Cm divide .

Diary ;

Wednesday, April 20, 1960.

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Thursday, April 21, 1960.

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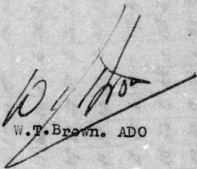
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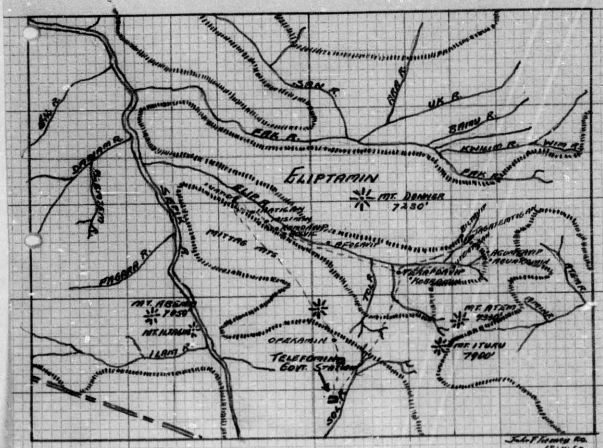
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TELEPHONE PATROL No 6-5860



SCALE 1cm = 1km. PATROL ROUTE ---

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Officer Conducting Patrol ;

W. T. Brown - ADO.

AREA Patrolled ;

Kliptamin Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying;

J.F.Tierney, P.O.

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No. 9006 Const NIGI,

No. 7043Const KUSINOK.

Duration of Patrol ;

20-4-60 - 27-4-60.

No. of Days ;

Eight.

Objects ;

Consolidation.

Census Revision.

Map Reference ;

Attached.

Last Patrol to Area ;

February , 1960.

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Page 2.

Introduction :

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK - TELEFOGIN Report No. 7 of 1959/60

Patrol Conducted by JOHN F. TIERNEY P.O.

Area Patrolled FERAMIN CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. A. MARKS, C.P.O.

Natives 7 R.P.N.G.C. 1 INTERP.

Duration—From 20.5.1960 to 25.5.1960

Number of Days SIX

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 10/1959

Medical 10/1959

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol (1) CENSUS REVISION (2) CONSOLIDATION

(3) FAMILIARISATION

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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John F. Tierney
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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67-8-41

15th July, 1960.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT TELEFOLMIN NO. 7/59-60.

This patrol should have been a good introduction for Mr Tierney to the Telefolmin Sub-District and good training for Mr Marks as well.

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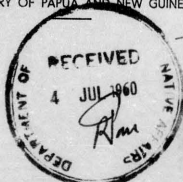
A routine short indoctrination patrol that requires little comment. I note you hope to step up the patrol programme now that staff is available at this Station. Patrols have certainly not been as consistent as in other sub-districts of your District, but I fully appreciate your present staff exigencies in this rather difficult area.

(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67/8/41 ✓



In Reply
Please Quote

No.F.R.Tel.7/59-60/1201

District Office,
Sepik District,
MEWAK.

24th June, 1960

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

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DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. Assistant District Officer,Telefolmin.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA .

Sub-district Office,
TELEFOMIN.

12th June , 1960.

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The District Officer ,
Sepik District ,
NEWA.L.

TELEFOMIN Patrol - No. 7 of 1959/60.

The above patrol report , together with camping allowance claims, is forwarded herewith.

The patrol was of a routine nature and quite brief. It was the first patrol that Mr. Tierney has led at Telefomin and for this reason the scope of the patrol was restricted by my instructions, both in area and sphere of activity.

Mr. Tierney and Mr. Marks will now patrol the WOKEMIN and KAMPEGOLMIN area where they will strike most of the problems involved in hard bush patrolling among friendly people .

The next patrol from Telefomin will proceed to the eastern boundary of the Sub-district - the Strickland Gorge area . I anticipate Mr. Tierney will accompany me.


W. T. Brown.

Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-district Office,

TELEFOMIN.

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19th May, 1960

Mr. J. F. Tierney,
Patrol Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Please arrange to proceed on patrol to FERAMIN area on 20th May, 1960.

You will be accompanied by Mr. C.J.O. Marks. Senior Constable AMPULA and six police will escort the patrol. Interpreter SUNEI LSM will also accompany you.

While in the FERAMIN area I require you to revise the census, inspect all hamlets, inspect the airstrip being built by the Baptist Mission and inspect the wire foot-bridge being constructed over the Sepik. Check on the Aid Post and give the Aid Post Orderly assistance if required.

The FERAMIN people have a good reputation and have caused no trouble in the past. You will, however, maintain night guards and take precautions. Whilst travelling endeavour to arrange your patrol as you would in a new area; one officer to travel in the lead and one officer at the rear with your police interspersed. Remember this is Mr. Mark's first patrol under Telefomin conditions and the experience you will give will be valuable training.

During revision of the census check for sores etc. and ensure that those people who should be hospitalised report to Telefomin, if beyond the scope of the Aid Post. Take particular care that the parents of any neglected children also report.

The patrol should take approximately five days.

You are to confine your activities to the Sepik and the patrol is not to separate nor are solo excursions to be made.

Please present a full report on all aspects of the patrol, including a report on Village Officials,

Leaders and hamlets. A copy of these instructions is required to accompany each copy of the Patrol Report.

W. F. Brown,
Assistant District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

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Officer Conducting Patrol : John F. Tierney, P.O.

Area Patrolled : FERAMIN Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying : Mr. A. Marks, C.F.O.
No. 3976 S.D. AMPULA
No. 9006 Const. NIWI
No. 9285 Const. IARIF
No. 9647 Const. ARI
No. 8968 Const. IAKU
No. 8071 Const. KAPOK
No. 6481 Const. DEWARI
Interpreter SHUKEI LSH

Duration of Patrol : 20-5-60 to 25-5-60

No. of Days : Six

Objects of Patrol : (i) Census Revision
(ii) Consolidation
(iii) Familiarisation

Map Reference : Sketch Map Attached

Last Patrol to Area : October, 1959

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

INTRODUCTION

The FERAMIN people occupy the eastern portion of the TELEFOMIN valley, which extends up the Sepik River to the Headwaters. The Rest House is situated at KIALIKMIN, 3½ hours walk from Telefomin Government station. It is on the northern side of the Sepik and 20 minutes walk from it.

The census division consists of six hamlets, four on the northern side of the river and two on the southern side.

The main objects of the patrol were to revise the census and to familiarize Mr. Marks and myself with the area.

DIARY

Friday, April 20th, 1960

Departed station at 0855 accompanied by Mr. A Marks, C.P.O., 7 members of the R.P. & N.G.C. and 22 carriers - crossed the SOL R. at 0920 - crossed the MALAN R. at 1130 - rested at 1150 - moved on again at 1235 - crossed the UM R. at 1255 - arrived Rest House at 1320 - guard posted at night.

Saturday, April 21st, 1960

At Rest House - revised census FANUKMIN, OKSIMIN, KOBOROMIN and KIALIKMIN villages - guard posted at night.

Sunday, April 22nd, 1960

At Rest House - day observed.

Monday, April 23rd, 1960

Departed Rest House 0850 to inspect hamlets, - 0930 arrived KOBOROMIN - KOBOROMIN and OKSIMIN (3 mins. walk from KOBOROMIN) inspected - departed 1005 - SIMINTAVIP and IGINTIVIP (hamlets of KIALIKMIN) inspected en route - arrived Rest House 1050 - Aid Post inspected - guard posted at night.

Tuesday, April 24th, 1960

Departed Rest House 0903 to inspect hamlets,

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINDIARY(cont)

airstrip and bridge - 0918 arrived Sepik R. - wire foot-bridge inspected - crossed river and inspected Baptist Mission airstrip site - 0935 arrived FANUKMIN - hamlets NELEKINAVIP and KASAKHIVIP inspected - 1010 departed - recrossed Sepik and arrived Rest House at 1035 - guard posted at night.

Wednesday, April 25th, 1960

Departed Rest House 0715 - crossed the UM R. at 0735 - arrived NINISIL (hamlet of Drollingam, Telefomin) at 0825 - inspected - departed 0830 - crossed the SOL R. at 0935 - arrived TELEFOMIN 1008 - Patrol Completed.

End of DiaryNATIVE SITUATION

The native situation in the FERAMIN area remains satisfactory. The attitude of the people towards the Administration is good and they appear to be contented. Having brought these people to a stage where they have accepted and co-operate with the Administration it is difficult to visualise any further step forward to future development. At present there appears to be no outlet for economic advancement. The possibility of any developmental scheme is extremely limited by the infertility of the waterlogged clay type soil of the area and the resulting sparse population. Even if commercial crops could be grown in the area a further problem of marketing such products arises. The only foreseeable means of transport to outside markets is by air, but because of high airfreight costs this would seem to be impracticable. Any development through cash cropping would therefore depend entirely on the presence of a local market, which at present consists of the Administration and the Baptist Mission.

During most of the year the people live in scattered garden houses along the Sepik and Wong rivers and in an area to the south of the Hindenburg Range known as the O-OPTIMIN. Unless called together for a census very few of them live in the central villages.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEKOMINNATIVE SITUATION (cont)

This position is understandable as it is only natural for them to garden in the more arable areas and no attempt has been made to persuade them to live in the main villages.

VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALSKIALIKMIN

Consists of two hamlets, IGINFAVIP and SIMINTAVIP, on right bank of Sepik a few minutes walk from the Rest House. Both hamlets were found reasonably clean and the housing is adequate.

Headmen

INTAWENGIN - old, traditional leader who does not appear to be very interested in local affairs, probably because of his age.

ILAFINOK - not impressive.

Population

291

PAMUKMIN

Consists of two hamlets, BELKINAVIP and KASAKRIVIP. Both are situated on the left bank of the Sepik, approx. 25 minutes walk from the Rest House. The former clean with adequate housing, but the latter in state of disrepair. The people of KASAKRIVIP state that they are going to move to BELKINAVIP, but that the area would be made presentable in the meantime. This hamlet had not been visited before, which probably accounts for its present condition.

Headmen

DUGUNENGIN - does not appear to be much use - very unimpressive.

BAGADOPWOK - helpful to patrol and seems satisfactory.

Population

184

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINVILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS (cont)OKSIMIN

Situated on the right bank of the Sepik 45 minutes walk from the Rest House. Area clean and housing adequate.

Headmen

UAI-AGEM - old, but doing his job satisfactorily.

MANDERIOK - enthusiastic in carrying out any job given to him - very satisfactory.

Population

154

KOBOROMIN

Situated on the right bank of the Sepik 40 minutes walk from the Rest House. Area clean and housing adequate.

Headmen

UNIMNOCK - traditional headman but not much interested in local affairs. Prefers to stand down in favour of ASONENGIN.

ASONENGIN - reasonably bright and helpful.

BALPAIOK - has taken over position of 2nd in charge - does not impress at present but may improve.

Population

194

NININIL, hamlet of DROLINGAN in the TELEFOMIN census division, was inspected during the return trip to the station. The roads leading into it and the hamlet itself were filthy and inches deep in mud. This hamlet is fairly constantly used and the inhabitants were requested to have the situation remedied.

REST HOUSES

There is only one Rest House in the FERAMIN area, this being all that is required. It is situated 3½ hours walk from the station in close proximity to KIALIKMIN village. Both this and the Police Barrack are in reasonable condition and do not need repairing.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The road between the station and the Rest House was found in satisfactory condition. Two sections of this road, between the station and the SOL R. and between the UM R. and the Rest House, have been graded. There are two cane suspension foot-bridges along this stretch of road, one over the SOL and the other over the UM. Both are in good order.

The roads linking the FERAMIN villages are all in reasonably good order.

A wire suspension foot-bridge is in the process of being built over the Sepik R. between KIALIKMIN and PAMUKMIN villages. Although the river may be forded at this point most of the time, it is impossible to do so when the river is swollen after heavy rains. The bridge should prove very useful on completion, especially as the river has to be crossed to reach the airstrip which the Baptist Mission are at present constructing on the left bank.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

There is an Aid Post at KIALIKMIN and the Aid Post Orderly in charge seems to be doing a good job. The people of the area are free from sores and similar disabilities which are prevalent throughout the Sub-district.

The present ward attached to the Aid Post is very small and the people were requested to build a larger one.

EDUCATION

There are no village schools in the area, Telefomin Station School being sufficient for the needs of the people at this stage. There are 22 male children at present attending the station school.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

AGRICULTURE AND STOCK

There seems to be no shortage of food in the area. More than sufficient food was brought to the patrol for sale.

The staple food is taro, but pitpit, corn, sweet potato and chokos are also plentiful.

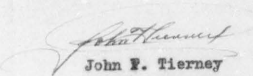
There are numerous pigs to be seen in and around the villages. There are no other domestic animals.

MISSION ACTIVITY

The Baptist Mission are at present constructing an airstrip on the left bank of the Sepik River near PALUKMIN. An area 100 feet wide by 1600 feet long has been partially cleared, but much work has yet to be done before the strip is useable. It is proposed by the Mission that a bulldozer be carried into the area to help in leveling the strip.

CONCLUSION

The patrol carried out all instructions issued by the Assistant District Officer. A copy of these instructions is attached.


John F. Tierney
PATROL Officer

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

REPORT ON R.P.R. N.G.C. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL

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- No. 8071 Const. KAPOK : Kept the patrol amused with his wit - satisfactory.
- No. 6481 Const. DEWARI : Satisfactory.

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VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

 Year 1960

 TELEPHONE PR No. 7 of 1959/60

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS			ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)											
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-district Office,

TELEFOMIN.

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19th May, 1960

Mr. J. F. Tierney,

Patrol Officer,

TELEFOMIN.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Please arrange to proceed on patrol to FERAMIN area on 20th May, 1960.

You will be accompanied by Mr. C.P.O. Marks. Senior Constable AMPULA and six police will escort the patrol. Interpreter SUNEI LSM will also accompany you.

While in the FERAMIN area I require you to revise the census, inspect all hamlets, inspect the airstrip being built by the Baptist Mission and inspect the wire foot-bridge being constructed over the Sepik. Check on the Aid Post and give the Aid Post Orderly assistance if required.

The FERAMIN people have a good reputation and have caused no trouble in the past. You will, however, maintain night guards and take precautions. Whilst travelling endeavour to arrange your patrol as you would in a new area; one officer to travel in the lead and one officer at the rear with your police interspersed. Remember this is Mr. Mark's first patrol under Telefomin conditions and the experience you will give will be valuable training.

During revision of the census check for sores etc. and ensure that those people who should be hospitalised report to Telefomin, if beyond the scope of the Aid Post. Take particular care that the parents of any neglected children also report.

The patrol should take approximately five days.

You are to confine your activities to the Sepik and the patrol is not to separate nor are sole excursions to be made.

Please present a full report on all aspects of the patrol, including a report on Village Officials,

Leaders and hamlets. A copy of these instructions is required to accompany each copy of the Patrol Report.

Assistant District Officer.

W. T. BROWN,

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

Officer Conducting Patrol : John F. Tierney, P.O.

Area Patrolled : FERAMIN Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying : Mr. A. Marks, C.P.O.
No. 3976 S.G. AMPULA
No. 9006 Const. NIGI
No. 9185 Const. IARIF
No. 9647 Const. ARI
No. 8968 Const. IAKG
No. 8071 Const. KAPOK
No. 6481 Const. BEWARI
Interpreter SUNNY ESM

Duration of Patrol : 20-5-60 to 25-5-60

No. of Days : Six

Objects of Patrol : (i) Census Revision
(ii) Consolidation
(iii) Familiarisation

Map Reference : Sketch Map Attached

Last Patrol to Area : October, 1959

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMININTRODUCTION

The FERAMIN people occupy the eastern portion of the TELEFOMIN valley, which extends up the Sepik River to the Headwaters. The Rest House is situated at KIALIKMIN, 3½ hours walk from Telefomin Government station. It is on the northern side of the Sepik and 20 minutes walk from it.

The census division consists of six hamlets, four on the northern side of the river and two on the southern side.

The main objects of the patrol were to revise the census and to familiarize Mr. Marks and myself with the area.

DIARYFriday, April 20th, 1960

Departed station at 0855 accompanied by Mr. A Marks, G.P.O., 7 members of the R.P. & N.G.C. and 22 carriers - crossed the SOL R. at 0920 - crossed the MALAN R. at 1130 - rested at 1150 - moved on again at 1235 - crossed the UM R. at 1255 - arrived Rest House at 1320 - guard posted at night.

Saturday, April 21st, 1960

At Rest House - revised census FAMUKMIN, OKSIMIN, KOBORENMIN and KIALIKMIN villages - guard posted at night.

Sunday, April 2nd, 1960

At Rest House - day observed.

Monday, April 23rd, 1960

Departed Rest House 0850 to inspect hamlets, - 0930 arrived KOBORENMIN - KOBORENMIN and OKSIMIN (3 mins. walk from KOBORENMIN) inspected - departed 1005 - SIMINTAVIP and IGINTIVIP (hamlets of KIALIKMIN) inspected en route - arrived Rest House 1050 - Aid Post inspected - guard posted at night.

Tuesday, April 24th, 1960

Departed Rest House 0903 to inspect hamlets,

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINDIARY(cont)

airstrip and bridge - 0918 arrived Sepik R. - wire foot-bridge inspected - crossed river and inspected Baptist Mission airstrip site - 0935 arrived FAMUKMIN - hamlets HELEINAVIP and KASAEHIVIP inspected - 1010 departed - recrossed Sepik and arrived Rest House at 1035 - guard posted at night.

Wednesday, April 25th, 1960

Departed Rest House 0715 - crossed the UM R. at 0735 - arrived NINIBEL (hamlet of Drolingam, Telefomin) at 0825 - inspected - departed 0830 - crossed the SOL R. at 0935 - arrived TELEFOMIN 1008 - Patrol Completed.

End of DiaryNATIVE SITUATION

The native situation in the FERAMIN area remains satisfactory. The attitude of the people towards the Administration is good and they appear to be contented. Having brought these people to a stage where they have accepted and co-operate with the Administration it is difficult to visualise any further step forward to future development. At present there appears to be no outlet for economic advancement. The possibility of any developmental scheme is extremely limited by the infertility of the waterlogged clay type soil of the area and the resulting sparse population. Even if commercial crops could be grown in the area a further problem of marketing such products arises. The only foreseeable means of transport to outside markets is by air, but because of high airfreight costs this would seem to be impracticable. Any development through cash cropping would therefore depend entirely on the presence of a local market, which at present consists of the Administration and the Baptist Mission.

During most of the year the people live in scattered garden houses along the Sepik and Nong rivers and in an area to the south of the Hindenburg Range known as the O-OPTIMIN. Unless called together for a census very few of them live in the central villages.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOHIN

NATIVE SITUATION (cont)

This position is understandable as it is only natural for them to garden in the more arable areas and no attempt has been made to persuade them to live in the main villages.

VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

KIALIKOH

Consists of two hamlets, ICINTAVIP and SIMINTAVIP, on right bank of Sepik a few minutes walk from the Rest House. Both hamlets were found reasonably clean and the housing is adequate.

Headmen

INTAWENGIN - old, traditional leader who does not appear to be very interested in local affairs, probably because of his age.

ILAFINOK - not impressive.

Population

291

PAMUKMIN

Consists of two hamlets, NELEINAVIP and KASAKIVIP. Both are situated on the left bank of the Sepik, approx. 25 minutes walk from the Rest House. The former clean with adequate housing, but the latter in state of disrepair. The people of KASAKIVIP state that they are going to move to NELEINAVIP, but that the area would be made presentable in the meantime. This hamlet had not been visited before, which probably accounts for its present condition.

Headmen

BUGUNGINIM - does not appear to be much use - very unimpressive.

DAGADOPHOK - helpful to patrol and seems satisfactory.

Population

184

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINVILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS (cont)

OKSIMIN Situated on the right bank of the Sepik 45 minutes walk from the Rest House. Area clean and housing adequate.

Headmen HAI-AGEN - old, but doing his job satisfactorily.
MANDERIOK - enthusiastic in carrying out any job given to him - very satisfactory.

Population 154

KOBORINGIN Situated on the right bank of the Sepik 40 minutes walk from the Rest House. Area clean and housing adequate.

Headmen UNIMNOK - traditional headman but not much interested in local affairs. Prefers to stand down in favour of ASONENGIN.
ASONENGIN - reasonably bright and helpful.
RALFAIOK - has taken over position of 2nd in charge - does not impress at present but may improve.

Population 194

NINIBIL, hamlet of DROLINGAN in the TELEFOMIN census division, was inspected during the return trip to the station. The roads leading into it and the hamlet itself were filthy and inches deep in mud. This hamlet is fairly constantly used and the inhabitants were requested to have the situation remedied.

REST HOUSES

There is only one Rest House in the FERAMIN area, this being all that is required. It is situated 3½ hours walk from the station in close proximity to KIALIKMIN village. Both this and the Police Barrack are in reasonable condition and do not need repairing.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINROADS AND BRIDGES

The road between the station and the Rest House was found in satisfactory condition. Two sections of this road, between the station and the SOL R. and between the UM R. and the Rest House, have been graded. There are two cane suspension foot-bridges along this stretch of road, one over the SOL and the other over the UM. Both are in good order.

The roads linking the FERAMIN villages are all in reasonably good order.

A wire suspension foot-bridge is in the process of being built over the Sepik R. between KIALIKMIN and FANUKMIN villages. Although the river may be forded at this point most of the time, it is impossible to do so when the river is swollen after heavy rains. The bridge should prove very useful on completion, especially as the river has to be crossed to reach the airstrip which the Baptist Mission are at present constructing on the left bank.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

There is an Aid Post at KIALIKMIN and the Aid Post Orderly in charge seems to be doing a good job. The people of the area are free from sores and similar disabilities which are prevalent throughout the Sub-district.

The present ward attached to the Aid Post is very small and the people were requested to build a larger one.

EDUCATION

There are no village schools in the area, Telefomin Station School being sufficient for the needs of the people at this stage. There are 22 male children at present attending the station school.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

AGRICULTURE AND STOCK

There seems to be no shortage of food in the area. More than sufficient food was brought to the patrol for sale.

The staple food is taro, but pitpit, corn, sweet potato and chokos are also plentiful.

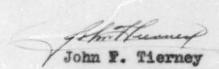
There are numerous pigs to be seen in and around the villages. There are no other domestic animals.

MISSION ACTIVITY

The Baptist Mission are at present constructing an airstrip on the left bank of the Sepik River near FANUKMIN. An area 100 feet wide by 1600 feet long has been partially cleared, but much work has yet to be done before the strip is useable. It is proposed by the Mission that a bulldozer be carried into the area to help in leveling the strip.

CONCLUSION

The patrol carried out all instructions issued by the Assistant District Officer. A copy of these instructions is attached.


John F. Tierney
PATROL Officer

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

REPORT ON R.F. N.G.C. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL

No. 3975 Sen. Const. AMPULA : An N.C.O. of outstanding
quality - possesses
initiative ^{of 405} with a good
sense of command

No. 9006 Const. NIGI : Quiet, but does a good
job.

No. 9185 Const. IARIP : A conscientious and
industrious worker.

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No. 8968 Const. IAKO : Lazy if not watched.

No. 8071 Const. KAPOK : Kept the patrol amused
with his wit - satisfactory.

No. 6481 Const. DEWARI : Satisfactory.


John F. Tierney

Telefomin P.R
1959-60



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK, TELEFOMIN. Report No. 8 of 1959 / 60.

Patrol Conducted by W. T. BROWN ADO

Area Patrolled TELEFOMIN CENSUS SUB-DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans A. HOPMAN & MEDAST

Natives 3

Duration—From 24/6/1960 to 30/6/1960

Number of Days SIX

Did Medical Assistant Accompany YES

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/1959

Medical 9/1959

Map Reference TELEFOMIN SUB-DISTRICT FOUR MILE

Objects of Patrol 1 Routine 2 Census Revision.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/8/1960

W. T. Brown

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £

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15th September, 1960.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
NEWAR.

Patrol Report No. 8 - 59/60, Telefolmin

Receipt of the above mentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

I am gratified to note that the native situation in the villages in the Telefolmin Census Sub-division is quiet and orderly and that the area may be considered fully controlled.

I have no doubt you will be making a submission to have the area derestricted.

What is considered "a fair price" for fitches of timber? I think that we might be a little liberal in our payments for these fitches in view of the heavy air-freight on building materials incurred by local store-keepers.

Has any action been taken to teach people skills which will enable them to erect stabilised earth buildings for occupation. In view of the scarcity of timber it might be worth enquiring into. Your comment would be appreciated.

It appears that the Baptist Mission is doing highly commendable work in the area.

I am gratified to note that the Aid Post at Telefolip

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has been built by the people in a concerted effort.

The attitude of day students towards school attendance follows a similar pattern throughout the Territory.

An interesting report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No P.R.Tel. 8/59-60/1565



District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

22nd August, 1960

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

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The liaisons referred to on page 4 paragraph 3 have caused us some concern. Action has been taken to clear up this possible source of friction and on my last visit to Telefomin (12th/13th August, 1960) the Assistant District Officer told me he was convinced that there are no active liaisons current.

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c.c. Assistant District Officer, Telefomin.

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Patrol Report No. 8 of 1960 - 60 - 1960

District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

Officer Conducting Patrol - A. T. Brown

22nd August, 1960

Area Patrolled - TELEFOMIN

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KOROROEBU.

Mr. A. PATERA, Medical Officer,
No. 3578 Senior Court, LAEWA.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA .

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Area Patrolled -	TELEFOMIN Census Division,
Personnel Accompanying -	Mr. A. Hofman , Medical Assistant. No. 3976 Senior Const. AMPULA, No. 7308 Constable LAVION. Interpreter SUNEI.
Duration of Patrol -	24th June , 1960 - 30th June, 1960.
Number of Days.	Six.
Objects of Patrol-	Routine , Census Revision , Road Inspections .
Map Reference;	Telefomin Sub-district Four Mile.
Last Patrol to Area ;	September 1959.

INTRODUCTION.

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Continued to ANGAVIP hamlet - census revision and native affairs. Village inspection.

Saturday, June 25, 1960.

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Census revision, village inspection etc.

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The area may be considered fully controlled.

In the field of economic development there has been little real progress made and the avenues for future development are limited.

The cultivation of gardens in the poor soil takes virtually all available effort and the yield from the gardens is little in excess of domestic requirements. The little excess produced is sold to the Administration and the Mission but provides no real cash income to the people.

In the previous report, mention was made of the Telefomin group's activity in producing pit sawn flitches for sale to the Administration. This venture has now failed and the workers are now employed as labourers; they are still employed in their own forest pit sawing.

The main reasons for the failure of the venture were the inability of the people to give sufficient time to sawing and at the same time ~~make~~ an existence from their gardens. Additionally, a fair price for the flitches produced returned very little material benefit to the people as the air freight component of from 1/- to 2/- per pound at the local trade store absorbed much of the money earned. ?

A trial period showed that the actual return to each worker from the venture was approximately thirty shillings per month. When this is compared with the wage of twenty five shillings a month, plus rations and issues, paid to unskilled labourers on the station there is a little wonder why the group lost heart.

Since the group have commenced employment as labourers the production of timber has increased and the individual workers are in a better financial position. The village community also benefit to a greater extent as the increased production results in more trees being purchased for sawing and a resultant greater disbursement of cash to the village.

Since the Telefopin group have been employed on wages the Telefopin group have commenced employment also and now a total of twenty four people are employed in pit sawing , apart from the station line. Unfortunately this avenue of labour cannot be considered a permanent activity as the demand for timber is controlled by the building programme and the availability of funds. In a few years time our timber requirements will be filled and sawing will cease.

Apart from this activity which returns wages and cash for the sale of trees, the Telefopin people have shown little interest in wage labour , mainly, as regular work interferes too much with the hard subsistence existence. Regular work has been available on the airstrip and roads throughout the year but the group have supplied workers only on request and then only for intervals of one month. The main workers on the station have been the steel-hungry people from the outlying areas who also depart once they have earned an axe .

The only other income available to the people is from liaisons formed between the single girls of the village and "foreign" Administration servants and police. These liaisons are only acceptable to a small group ; the elder relatives and the girls , and are opposed by the single males and the growing Mission group. This aspect of the native situation is not favourable and is being covered in detail by separate correspondence.

VILLAGES ;

Communal village life in the Telefopin Sub-district does not play a great part in the traditional pattern as virtually all gardens are situated at a distance of up to ten miles from the village. The village may be considered the focal centre about which the gardens and garden hamlets are situated, and to which the people return for important events and periodic rests from gardening and hunting.

Building materials throughout the area are in poor supply; houses being constructed from split sapplings and roofed with any materials available, generally grass obtained at great effort supplemented with ferns and leaves. The resultant construction does not provide for an impressive or pretty village area.

Figs are grazed, unfenced, all over the Telefopin shelf and this further detracts from the village atmosphere.

MISSIONS ;

The Baptist Mission, comprising two European families, have continued their activities since the last report. Their movements are controlled by Restricted Area Permits consequently the activities in the Telefomin area have been intensive.

A total of seventy eight people from the Census Sub-division have now been baptized - with only two having strayed from the accepted path in the past ten months. The native element of the Mission comprises one pastor and six deacons - all from the Telefomin Census Division. No mission workers are drawn from outside the Sub-district.

Church services are held each Sunday morning and evening in the village church - a building roofed with corrugated iron paid for, in part, by the local people. Prayer Meetings are held on two nights during the week and classes in the vernacular are held on two other nights during the week.

In addition to their evangelical activity the Mission operate a saw bench and planing machine.

Mr. and Mrs A. Hesley of the Summer Institute of Linguistics are also resident at the Mission, and are engaged in the study of the Telefomin language.

HEALTH :

Mr. A. Hofman, Medical Assistant, accompanied the patrol and conducted a medical inspection and a hygiene inspection of all villages. He will report in detail to his Department.

In general the health of the community is good but an outbreak of conjunctivitis was very noticeable.

As a result of the patrol the Aid Post of Drolingam was closed. It has become redundant due to the degree of control and its close proximity to the station. Staff can now be better utilized in more remote localities.

The Aid Post at Telefálip has been rebuilt - initially by the very sporadic efforts of the people and finally by concerted effort.

ROADS AND BRIDGES ;

Vehicular roads in the Sub-division are extensions of station roads. They are primarily used for logging operations and due to the heavy loads and incessant rainfall are extremely rutted.

Tracks pass through the Sub-division to other groups and are maintained sporadically and sufficient for our purposes.

Three foot bridges are maintained over the Sepik and one over the Sol . All are satisfactory.

EDUCATION ;

There are no villages schools in the area - Telefomin Station School being sufficient for the needs of the people. ✓

The Telefomin pupils have the worst attendance record and are certainly not the most enthusiastic. One reason for this is that all the other pupils come from areas more remote from the station and are therefore boarders and rationed. The Telefomin pupils are day students and are theoretically fed by their parents. When their parents are in the village this is satisfactory but when the parents live in the gardens the children naturally have no food at home and , therefore , accompany the parents. ✓

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Report on Police ;

No. 3976 Senior Constable AMPUIA	Capable and efficient.
No. 7308 Constable LAVIGN.	Capable but involved with local women and since transferred

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA .

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Since the group have commenced employment as labourers the production of timber has increased and the individual workers are in a better financial position. The village community also benefit to a greater extent as the increased production results in more trees being purchased for sawing and a resultant greater disbursement of cash to the village.

Since the Telefelin group have been employed on wages the Telefomin group have commenced employment also and now a total of twenty four people are employed in pit sawing, apart from the station line. Unfortunately this avenue of labour cannot be considered a permanent activity as the demand for timber is controlled by the building programme and the availability of funds. In a few years time our timber requirements will be filled and sawing will cease.

Apart from this activity which returns wages and cash for the sale of trees, the Telefomin people have shown little interest in wage labour, mainly, as regular work interferes too much with the hard subsistence existence. Regular work has been available on the airstrip and roads throughout the year but the group have supplied workers only on request and then only for intervals of one month. The main workmen on the station have been the steel-hungry people from the outlying areas who also depart once they have earned an axe.

The only other income available to the people is from liaisons formed between the single girls of the village and "foreign" Administration servants and police. These liaisons are only acceptable to a small group; the elder relatives and the girls, and are opposed by the single males and the growing Mission group. This aspect of the native situation is not favourable and is being covered in detail by separate correspondence.

VILLAGES :

Communal village life in the Telefomin Sub-district does not play a great part in the traditional pattern as virtually all gardens are situated at a distance of up to ten miles from the village. The village may be considered the focal centre about which the gardens and garden hamlets are situated, and to which the people return for important events and periodic rests from gardening and hunting.

Building materials throughout the area are in poor supply; houses being constructed from split sapplings and roofed with any materials available, generally grass obtained at great effort supplemented with ferns and leaves. The resultant construction does not provide for an impressive or pretty village area.

Pigs are grazed, unfenced, all over the Telefomin shelf and this further detracts from the village atmosphere.

MISSIONS ;

The Baptist Mission, comprising two European families, have continued their activities since the last report. Their movements are controlled by Restricted Area Permits consequently the activities in the Telefomin area have been intensive.

A total of seventy eight people from the Census Sub-division have now been baptized - with only two having strayed from the accepted path in the past ten months. The native element of the Mission comprises one pastor and six deacons - all from the Telefomin Census Division. No mission workers are drawn from outside the Sub-district.

Church services are held each Sunday morning and evening in the village church - a building roofed with corrugated iron paid for in part by the local people. Prayer Meetings are held on two nights during the week and classes in the vernacular are held on two other nights during the week.

In addition to their evangelical activity the Mission operate a saw bench and planing machine.

Mr. and Mrs A. Healey of the Summer Institute of Linguistics are also resident at the Mission, and are engaged in the study of the Telefomin language.

HEALTH ;

Mr. A. Hofman, Medical Assistant, accompanied the patrol and conducted a medical inspection and a hygiene inspection of all villages. He will report in detail to his Department.

In general the health of the community is good but an outbreak of conjunctivatus was very noticeable.

As a result of the patrol the Aid Post of Drolingam was closed. It has become redundant due to the degree of control and its close proximity to the station. Staff can now be better utilized in more remote localities.

The Aid Post at Telefomin has been rebuilt - initially by the very sporadic efforts of the people and finally by concerted effort.

ROADS AND BRIDGES ;

Vehicular roads in the Sub-division are extensions of station roads. They are primarily used for logging operations and due to the heavy loads and incessant rainfall are extremely rutted.

Tracks pass through the Sub-division to other groups and are maintained sporadically and sufficient for our purposes.

Three foot bridges are maintained over the Sopik and one over the Sol . All are satisfactory.

EDUCATION ;

There are no village schools in the area - Telefomin Station School being sufficient for the needs of the people.

The Telefomin pupils have the worst attendance record and are certainly not the most enthusiastic. One reason for this is that all the other pupils come from areas more remote from the station and are therefore boarders and rationed. The Telefomin pupils are day students and are theoretically fed by their parents. When their parents are in the village this is satisfactory but when the parents live in the gardens the children naturally have no food at home and , therefore , accompany the parents.

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Report on Police ;

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No. 7308 Constable LAVION.	Capable but involved with local women and since transferred

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SERPIN - TELEKOMIN Report No. 9 - 1959/60Patrol Conducted by JOHN F. TIERNEY P.M.Area Patrolled WONEIMIN & KAMFEGOLMIN AREAS - WESTERN DISTRICT
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CONSOLIDATION

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/8/1960

District Commissioner

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67-8-46

26th August, 1960.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9/59-60 TELEFOLMIN

The Report makes it clear that these people, though still fairly primitive, are amenable to the new way of life. The fact that they have had so few patrols but are still reasonably co-operative suggests a reasonable attitude to consolidation when staff permits. At least the absences were away on their own business and not because of deliberate non-co-operation.

It is good to note that the Village Officials can be made responsible to see that the Fifamin obey summonses when required to do so. The Officer in Charge at Keroba in the Southern Highlands is having similar success with the natives of that area who are just as unsophisticated.

I am pleased to note Mr Tierney's progress in uncontrolled work, but I would have appreciated more information of these isolated Western District people.

(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



67-8-46. ✓

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No. PR. Tel. 9-59/60/1497



District Office,
Sepik District,
WENAK.

10th August, 1960

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT TELEFOMIN NO. 9/1959-60

Please find enclosed a report of a patrol to the Wokeimin and Kamfegolmin areas of Western Papua. The patrol was led by Mr. J. F. Tierney assisted by Mr. A. Marks.

Apart from the Administrative side of the patrol one important aspect of this trip was the further training of Mr. Tierney in leadership in this type of country and in this sort of patrol. The patrol, aside from its physical aspects was not really difficult but should have been an excellent training run. Mr. Tierney's next patrol will be to the Oksapmin when he will be the leader under the general direction of Mr. Brown, Assistant District Officer. The patrol was successful in that it accomplished what was expected of it. A few people were contacted and there was no untoward incident. Those people contacted were friendly. The next trip to this area will set out again after Christmas.

I am pleased to note that native attitudes are satisfactory in the areas visited.

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. Assistant District Officer, Telefomin

Telefilm P.R. 1959/60

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPT. NATIVE AFFAIRS

6 - AUG 1960

WEWAK
SEPIK DISTRICT

File. 67-1-2/393

Sub-district Office,
TELEFOMIN,
Sepik District.

3rd August, 1960

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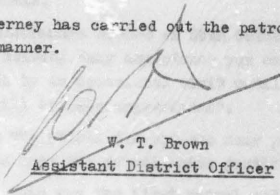
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W. T. Brown
Assistant District Officer

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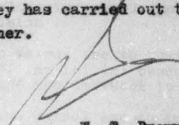
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA .

Sub-district Office,
TELEFOMIN.

4th June, 1960.

Mr. J.F.Tierney,
Patrol Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

Patrol Instructions.

When Senior Constable AMPULA returns with carriers please proceed on patrol to the WOKEIMIN and KAMPEGOLMIN areas.

You will be accompanied by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Marks , Senior Constable AMPULA and Interpreter SESINGAL. Make arrangements with the Medical Assistant for a capable Medical Orderly to accompany you also.

The weaknesses in your police detachment - 12 police - are Constable FANGAI , a braggart , and Constable MORUMA who will be making his first Telefomin patrol. Ensure Constable FANGAI has adequate supervision .

The objects of the patrol are to revise the census of KAMPEGOLMIN and WOKEIMIN. The initial census of WOKEIMIN was compiled eight months ago and the book is very rough.

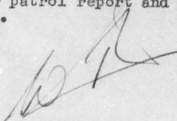
Other objects of the patrol are to impress on the TIFALMIN that they can not regard the WOKEIMIN as a retreat after illegal activities , and to ensure that the KAMPEGOLMIN and WOKEIMIN maintain peaceful relations with each other.

You will be wise to enter WOKEIMIN by the route nearest to MT. AIYUNG and not by the MT. FUGIL route as this is very sheer. I also suggest that you stage overnight at URAPMIN on the outward and return trips.

Administration relations with both the KAMPEGOLMINS and WOKEIMIN are good but you should maintain maximum security at all times and maintain night guards. Relations between the WOKEIMIN and KAMPEGOLMIN are strained.

Please ensure that your patrol does not separate and that no sole excursions are made. Maintain radio schedules with Telefomin at 1630 daily.

An extra copy of your patrol report and patrol map will be required for the ADO Kiunga.


W.T. Brown ADO

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEAPATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

Officer Conducting Patrol : John F. Tierney, P.O.

Area Patrolled : WOKETIMIN and KAMPEGOLMIN
Census Divisions.

Personnel Accompanying : Mr. A. Marks, C.P.O.

No.3976 Sen.Const.AMPULA
No.9006 Const. NIGI
No.8968 Const. IAKO
No.8071 Const. KAPOK
No.8992 Const. PIGI
No.9647 Const. IMAS
No.9445 Const. WANDU
No.10163 Const. Bugler FANGAI
No. 7494 Const.MATUM
No. 9053 Const. ARE
No. 8977 Const. MOROMA
No. 5900 Const. WAPE
No. 8979 Const. MAI

Duration of Patrol : 7-6-60 to 17-6-60
11 days

Objects of Patrol : (i) Census Revision
(ii) Familiarisation
(iii) Consolidation

Map Reference : Sketch map attached

Last Patrol to Area : WOKETIMIN - September 1959
KAMPEGOLMIN - May 1959

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMININTRODUCTION

The WOKEIMAN and KAMFEGOLMIN people occupy adjacent areas on the southern slopes of the Hindenberg Range in the Western District of Papua.

During the last patrol to the area a rough initial census of the WOKEIMAN people was conducted. This patrol had intended to endeavour to accurately enumerate the population. However, it was found on arrival that only four WOKEIMANS were domicile in the vicinity. These stated that the remainder of the population, some 60 odd, had dispersed to garden on the slopes of the Star Mts to the north west and in an area around the junction of the KAM and MAGIL Rivers to the South. According to our informants these two garden areas are approximately 23 days and 20 days walk, respectively, from the WOKEIMAN villages visited. These walking times are in all probability a gross exaggeration, but even so it was beyond the scope of the patrol to try and make contact with these people.

The patrol met with a little more success in contacting the KAMFEGOLMIN people. Here it was found that only 30 of a total population of 84 were absent from the area!

DIARY

Tuesday, June 7th, 1960

Departed TELEFOMIN station at 0915 accompanied by Mr. A. Marks, C.P.O., 12 members of the R.P. & N.G.C. and 41 carriers. Descended gradually to the Sepik River and crossed it at 1030 (3600' a.s.l.). Climbed up out of the river valley and rested at 1040 (3,870' a.s.l.). Waited for the carriers to close up and moved on at 1105, walking in a westerly direction across Kunai covered ridges at the base of the BEHRMAN Mts. Stopped at 1140 and waited for the carriers to close ^{up} before moving on at 1150. Tea made at 1200 and the patrol proceeded again at 1245. Arrived at URAPHIN Rest

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINDIARYTuesday, June 7th, 1960 (cont)

at 1405 (4,800' a.s.l.).

Food purchased.

Guard posted at night.

Time on Track: 4hrs.50mins. Walking Time: 3hrs.30mins.

Wednesday, June 8th, 1960

Departed UPALMIN at 0730, walking through bush and along kunai ridges. Stopped at 0840 and waited for the carriers to close up (5,320' a.s.l.). Moved on at 0855 and reached the kunai covered summit of Mt. BAGAIUNWIGAN (5,680' a.s.l.) at 0902. Rested at 0908 and commenced the descent down the kunai covered ~~east~~ western slope 0925. Arrived at Lower TIFALMIN Rest House (OKBILAVIP) at 1105 (4,630' a.s.l.). Moved on at 1150 and arrived at Upper TIFALMIN Rest House (ATEMTAVINAVIP) at 1224 (4,690' a.s.l.)

Time on Track: 4hrs.54mins. Walking Time: 3hrs.37mins.

Contacted WENAK R.T.C. at 1505 to test portable radio - reception good at both ends.

Radio contact with TELEFOMIN at 1430 successful.

Food purchased.

Guard posted at night.

Thursday, 9th June, 1960

Departed ATEMTAVINAVIP at 0645 and proceeded south west along the ILAM River valley over kunai covered ridges. Stopped at BLONENGEIVIP (Upper TIFALMIN hamlet) at 0706 and employed two guides to accompany the patrol. Moved on at 0710 and commenced to gradually ascend through kunai. Reached a small shelter (6,040' a.s.l.) at 0840 and waited for the carriers to close up. Proceeded at 0905, moving through bush and dense scrub and arrived at the base of the main range (HINDENBERGS) (6,900' a.s.l.) at 1025. Rested and commenced steep ascent through moss forest on the eastern slope of

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINDIARYThursday, 9th June, 1960 (Cont.)

Mt. AIYUNG and reached the crest of the range (8,820 a.s.l.) at 1235. Descended through stunted moss forest and wild pandanus and made camp in a small gully at the foot of the range (8,000' a.s.l.) at 1310.

Time on Track: 6hrs.25mins WalkingTime: 5hrs.1min.

Radio contact with TELEFOMIN maintained. Contact also made with AMBUNTI and a portable A510 radio operating in the MAY RIVER area. Reception good.

Guard posted at night.

Heavy rain in the late afternoon and during the night.

Friday, June 10th, 1960

Broke camp at 0755 and proceeded through moss forest along the southern slope of the main range at a constant altitude of 8,000' a.s.l. Commenced to descend at 0940 in a westerly direction, still walking through moss forest. Crossed the UP River at 1105 (6,320' a.s.l.) and proceeded through old WOKEIMAN gardens. Arrived at UBLIM (also known as AIUNGAVIP) hamlet at 1120 and found it deserted. Made camp in an old garden site to the north of this hamlet at 1125 (6,160' a.s.l.)

Time on Track: 4hrs.30mins. Walking Time: 4hrs.30mins.

Radio contact maintained.

Rain during the late afternoon and night.

Guard posted at night.

Saturday, 11th June, 1960

Broke camp at 0800 and proceeded south, walking through bush. Crossed the UP River at 0805 and the TIMON River at 0815. Gradually ascended to the top of a spur, reaching it at 0920 (6,680' a.s.l.) Descended steeply and passed a small shelter at 0905 (6,420' a.s.l.) Continued through level bush

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINDiarySaturday, 11th June, 1960 (cont).

AND passed a track leading off to the south east at 1140. Passed through IFONAVIP hamlet, which was found deserted, at 1100 and arrived at BULTAVIP hamlet at 1110 (5,450' a.s.l.). This hamlet also found deserted. Made camp. Smoke observed a short distance off to the east at the base of range known locally as IRA. The two TIFALMIN guides sent off to request anyone there to report to the camp and they later returned with two men from BULTAVIP hamlet. These stated that they and two other men were the only WOKEIMANS in the area. Food was said to be scarce in the area and the remainder of the population had dispersed to garden further afield; some to the STAR Mts. and others to the junction of the KAM and MAGAL Rivers to the south.

Radio contact maintained. AITAPE also contacted - receiving strength 4 to 5.

Rain during afternoon and night.

Guard posted at night.

Walking Time: 3hrs.10mins. Time on Track: 3hrs.10mins.

Sunday, June 12th, 1960

Heavy rain during early morning.

Broke camp at 0810 and proceeded south east. Crossed the KWIN River at 0840 and the ASMINDEP River at its junction with the KWIN at 0850. Both the KWIN and the ASMINDEP were swollen after the heavy morning rain and consequently difficult to cross. Arrived at the junction of the KWIN and KATIL Rivers at 0855. A few of crossed a flimsy log bridge over the KATIL and it then gave way. A new bridge was constructed, while members of the R.P. & N.G.C. forded the stream some 30 yards up-stream and carried portion of the cargo across with much difficulty. Bridge completed at 0930 and the remainder of the patrol crossed safely. Carriers re-assembled and the patrol moved on at 0940. Crossed the KUMUN River at 0945 and gradually ascended to DANGUVIP hamlet (consisting of 1 house only), which was reached at 1100. The patrol then descended

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINDIARYSunday, June 12th, 1960 (cont)

steeply to the KURIMGA River (4620' a.s.l.) and crossed it at 1135. Crossed the KAM River by a log bridge at 1145 (4540' a. s.l.) and proceeded on to SOBOLMOROVIP hamlet (4690'a.s.l.), arriving at 1153. Made camp. The patrol had intended moving on to KAMFEGOLMIN, but the delay caused by heavy rain and swollen rivers prevented further movement.

The two WOKEIMANS contacted yesterday sent on to KAMFEGOLMIN to advise the people there that a census check would be carried out tomorrow. Time on Track: 3hrs 43mins. Walking Time: 2hrs 58mins

A further two WOKEIMANS were contacted at this hamlet. These later in the day brought in a small quantity of taro, which was purchased by the patrol.

Radio contact maintained.

Guard posted at night.

Monday, June 13th, 1960.

Broke camp at 0725 and proceeded south west. Climbed gradually to the top of a ridge (5110' a.s.l.), and followed it along to BOGOMDUSINAVIP, hamlet of KAMFEGOLMIN, arriving there at 0845. Moved on over a rough, limestone impregnated track, gradually ascending to 5580' a.s.l. where the patrol rested at 1000. Re-commenced walking at 1030 and began descending into the KAMFEGOLMIN valley. Lake SOLOMBANG (ref. P.R. No.6-1957/58) clearly visible during the descent. Arrived at KAMFEGOLMIN village at 1130. Camp made in a cleared area adjacent to the village.(4,150' a.s.l.)

The track between BOGOMDUSINAVIP and the present camp is the worst so far encountered during the patrol. Many of the police and carriers cut their feet and legs on the sharp limestone projections during the walk.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

DIARY

Time on Track: 4hrs 5mins. Walking Time: 3hrs 35mins

Food purchased.

Census checked.

Radio contact maintained.

Guard posted at night.

Tuesday, June 14th, 1960

Heavy rain during the early morning.

Broke camp at ~~0735~~ 0910 and retraced our steps over the track followed yesterday. Arrived SOBOLMOROVIP at 1235 and made camp. Light rain fell during most of the walk. Heavy rain during the afternoon and night.

Time on Track: 3hrs 25mins Walking Time: 3hrs 25mins.

Radio contact maintained.

Guard posted at night.

Wednesday, June 15th, 1960

Broke camp in heavy rain at 0735 and commenced walking north east along the KAM River valley. Crossed the Lilingum River at 0805 and began to gradually ascend to the foot of Mt. BALEL, 6420' a.s.l., where we rested in a small shelter at 1020. Commenced to climb the cliff face of Mt. BALEL at 1107 and reached the top (7210' a.s.l.) at 1130. Proceeded along a range known locally as IRADERONG, maintaining a fairly constant altitude of 7700' a.s.l. till approx. 1300, then descending to 7370' a.s.l. Camp made here at 1355, between the FINIMTIK and TUAKIT Rivers near their junction. Constant heavy rain fell throughout the walk, making it cold and most unpleasant.

Time on Track: 6hrs 20mins Walking Time: 5hrs 33mins.

Radio contact maintained.

Guard posted at night

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINDIARYThursday, June 16th, 1960

Broke camp at 0810 and arrived at the foot of Mt. FAGALIL (7780' a.s.l.) at 0935. Reached the summit (8500' a.s.l.) at 1005 and commenced to descend steeply to the ALUK River, which was crossed at 1130. Joined the patrol's inward track at 1135 and passed a small shelter (6040' a.s.l.) at 1140. Moved on through kunai and patches of bush, recrossing the ALUK at 1155 and passed through BIONENGEIVIP hamlet at 1255. Arrived ATEMTAVINAVIP (Upper TIPALMIN) Rest House at 1320 (4690' a.s.l.)

Time on Track: 5hrs 10mins Walking Time: 5hrs 10mins.

Food purchased.

Radio contact maintained.

Guard posted at night.

Friday, June 17th, 1960

Departed ATEMTAVINAVIP at 0649, retracing our steps along the track followed on the 8th and the 7th. Passed OKBILAVIP Rest House at 0715. Reached the summit of Mt. BEJATUNTIGAN at 0900. Passed the URAPMIN Rest House at 1015 and crossed the SEPIK River at 1255. Arrived TELEFOMIN station at 1445.

Time on Track: 7hrs 56mins Walking Time: 7hrs 56mins

End of Patrol.

NATIVE SITUATION

The native situation in the WOKELMIN and KAMFEGOLMIN areas appears to be normal, if not satisfactory from an administrative point of view. Out of a total enumerated population of 151 the patrol contacted only 58 people, which number would hardly seem to warrant the 12 days spent in the area. However, the temporary migration of the majority of the population, in particular the WOKELMIN, does

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINNATIVE SITUATION (cont)

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Since the above-mentioned patrol the WOKELMIN group has been contacted twice, both times with a little more success. The latter patrol (P.R. No. 1-1959/60) conducted an initial census and 67 names were recorded. This figure is considered to be in close proximity to a complete record although it is quite possible that a few people were absent and their names not recorded. However, it would seem that the estimate of 250 made prior to the census is a little extravagant.

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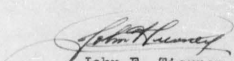
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John F. Tierney, P.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Sub-district Office,
TELEFOMIN.

4th June, 1960.

Mr. J.F.Tierney,
Patrol Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

Patrol Instructions.

When Senior Constable AMPULA returns with carriers please proceed on patrol to the WOKKIMIN and KAMPEGOLMIN areas.

You will be accompanied by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Marks, Senior Constable AMPULA and Interpreter SESINGAL. Make arrangements with the Medical Assistant for a capable Medical Orderly to accompany you also.

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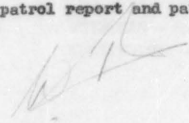
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You will be wise to enter WOKKIMIN by the route nearest to MT. AIYUMO and not by the MT. FUGIL route as this is very sheer. I also suggest that you stage overnight at URAPMIN on the outward and return trips.

Administration relations with both the KAMPEGOLMIN and WOKKIMIN are good but you should maintain maximum security at all times and maintain night guards. Relations between the WOKKIMIN and KAMPEGOLMIN are strained.

Please ensure that your patrol does not separate and that no sole excursions are made. Maintain radio schedules with Telefomin at 1630 daily.

An extra copy of your patrol report and patrol map will be required for the ADO Kiunga.


W.T. Brown ADO

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEAPATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMIN

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Census Divisions.

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Duration of Patrol : 7-6-60 to 17-6-60
11 days

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(ii) Familiarisation
(iii) Consolidation

Map Reference : Sketch map attached

Last Patrol to Area : WOKEMAN - September 1959
KAMPFOLMIN - May 1959

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMININTRODUCTION

The WOKKIMAN and KAMPESOLMIN people occupy adjacent areas on the southern slopes of the Hindenberg Range in the Western District of Papua.

During the last patrol to the area a rough initial census of the WOKKIMAN people was conducted. This patrol had intended to endeavour to accurately enumerate the population. However, it was found on arrival that only four WOKKIMANS were domicile in the vicinity. These stated that the remainder of the population, some 60 odd, had dispersed to garden on the slopes of the Star Mts to the north west and in an area around the junction of the KAM and MAGIL Rivers to the South. According to our informants these two garden areas are approximately 23 days and 20 days walk, respectively, from the WOKKIMAN villages visited. These walking times are in all probability a gross exaggeration, but even so it was beyond the scope of the patrol to try and make contact with these people.

The patrol met with a little more success in contacting the KAMPESOLMIN people. Here it was found that only 30 of a total population of 84 were absent from the area!

DIARY

Tuesday, June 7th, 1960

Departed TELEFOMIN station at 0915 accompanied by Mr. A. Marks, C.P.O., 12 members of the R.P. & N.G.C. and 41 carriers. Descended gradually to the Sepik River and crossed it at 1030 (3600' a.s.l.). Climbed up out of the river valley and rested at 1040 (3,870' a.s.l.). Waited for the carriers to close up and moved on at 1105, walking in a westerly direction across kunai covered ridges at the base of the BUSHMAN Mts. Stopped at 1140 and waited for the carriers to close^{up} before moving on at 1150. Tea made at 1200 and the patrol proceeded again at 1245. Arrived at URAKMIN Rest

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at 1405 (4,800' a.s.l.).

Food purchased.

Guard posted at night.

Time on Track: 4hrs.50mins. Walking Time: 3hrs.30mins.

Wednesday, June 8th, 1960

Departed URAPHIN at 0730, walking through bush and along kumai ridges. Stopped at 0840 and waited for the carriers to close up (5,320' a.s.l.). Moved on at 0855 and reached the kumai covered summit of Mt. BAGAIWUTIGAN (5,680' a.s.l.) at 0902. Rested at 0908 and commenced the descent down the kumai covered slope western slope 0925. Arrived at Lower TIFALMIN Rest House (OKELIYAVIP) at 1105 (4,630' a.s.l.). Moved on at 1150 and arrived at Upper TIFALMIN Rest House (ATEMTAVINAVIP) at 1224 (4,590' a.s.l.)

Time on Track: 4hrs.54mins. Walking Time: 3hrs.37mins.

Contacted WINAK R.F.C. at 1505 to test portable radio - reception good at both ends.

Radio contact with TELEFOMIN at 1430 successful.

Food purchased.

Guard posted at night.

Thursday, 9th June, 1960

Departed ATEMTAVINAVIP at 0645 and proceeded south west along the ILAN River valley over kumai covered ridges. Stopped at BLOHENGKIVIP (Upper TIFALMIN hamlet) at 0706 and employed two guides to accompany the patrol. Moved on at 0710 and commenced to gradually ascend through kumai. Reached a small shelter (6,640' a.s.l.) at 0840 and waited for the carriers to close up. Proceeded at 0905, moving through bush and dense scrub and arrived at the base of the main range (HINDENBERGS) (6,900' a.s.l.) at 1025. Rested and commenced steep ascent through moss forest on the eastern slope of

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINDIARYThursday, 9th June, 1960 (Cont.)

Mt. ALYUNG and reached the crest of the range (8,820 a.s.l.) at 1235. Descended through stunted moss forest and wild pandanus and made camp in a small gully at the foot of the range (8,000' a.s.l.) at 1310.

Time on Track: 6hrs.25mins Walking Time: 5hrs.4min.

Radio contact with TELEFOMIN maintained. Contact also made with AMBUNTI and a portable A510 radio operating in the MAY RIVER area. Reception good.

Guard posted at night.

Heavy rain in the late afternoon and during the night.

Friday, June 10th, 1960

Broke camp at 0755 and proceeded through moss forest along the southern slope of the main range at a constant altitude of 8,000' a.s.l. Commenced to descend at 0940 in a westerly direction, still walking through moss forest. Crossed the UP River at 1105 (6,320' a.s.l.) and proceeded through old WORKKIMAN gardens. Arrived at UMLIM (also known as AIUNGAVIP) hamlet at 1120 and found it deserted. Made camp in an old garden site to the north of this hamlet at 1125 (6,160' a.s.l.)

Time on Track: 4hrs.30mins. Walking Time: 4hrs.30mins.

Radio contact maintained.

Rain during the late afternoon and night.

Guard posted at night.

Saturday, 11th June, 1960

Broke camp at 0800 and proceeded south, walking through bush. Crossed the UP River at 0805 and the TIMON River at 0815. Gradually ascended to the top of a spur, reaching it at 0920 (6,680' a.s.l.) Descended steeply and passed a small shelter at 0905 (6,420' a.s.l.) Continued through level bush

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFONINDiarySaturday, 11th June, 1960 (cont).

and passed a track leading off to the south east at 1140. Passed through IPENAVIP hamlet, which was found deserted, at 1100 and arrived at BULZAVIP hamlet at 1110 (5,450' a.s.l.). This hamlet also found deserted. Made camp. Smoke observed a short distance off to the east at the base of range known locally as IRA. The two TIFALMIN guides sent off to request anyone there to report to the camp and they later returned with two men from LULZAVIP hamlet. These stated that they and two other men were the only WOKKIMANS in the area. Food was said to be scarce in the area and the remainder of the population had dispersed to garden further afield; some to the STAR Mts. and others to the junction of the KAN and MAGAL Rivers to the south.

Radio contact maintained. AITAPE also contacted - receiving strength 4 to 5.

Pain during afternoon and night.

Guard posted at night.

Walking Time: 3hrs.10mins. Time on Track: 3hrs.10mins.

Sunday, June 12th, 1960

Heavy rain during early morning.

Broke camp at 0810 and proceeded south east. Crossed the KWIN River at 0840 and the ASMINDEP River at its junction with the KWIN at 0850. Both the KWIN and the ASMINDEP were swollen after the heavy morning rain and consequently difficult to cross. Arrived at the junction of the KWIN and KATIL Rivers at 0855. A few of crossed a flimsy log bridge over the KATIL and it then gave way. A new bridge was constructed, while members of the R.P.S N.G.C. forded the stream some 30 yards up-stream and carried portion of the cargo across with much difficulty. Bridge completed at 0930 and the remainder of the patrol crossed safely. Carriers re-assembled and the patrol moved on at 0940. Crossed the KUBIN River at 0945 and gradually ascended to DANGUVIP hamlet (consisting of 1 house only), which was reached at 1100. The patrol then descended

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEPONINDIARYSunday, June 12th, 1960 (cont)

steeply to the KURINGA River (4620' a.s.l.) and crossed it at 1135. Crossed the KAN River by a log bridge at 1145 (4540' a. s.l.) and proceeded on to SOELJANOROVIP hamlet (4690'a.s.l.), arriving at 1153. Made camp. The patrol had intended moving on to KAMPFGOLMIN, but the delay caused by heavy rain and swollen rivers prevented further movement.

The two WOKEMANS contacted yesterday sent on to KAMPFGOLMIN to advise the people there that a census check would be carried out tomorrow.

Time on Track: 3hrs 43mins. Walking Time: 2hrs 56mins

A further two WOKEMANS were contacted at this hamlet. These later in the day brought in a small quantity of taro, which was purchased by the patrol.

Radio contact maintained.

Guard posted at night.

Monday, June 13th, 1960.

Broke camp at 0725 and proceeded south west. Climbed gradually to the top of a ridge (5110' a.s.l.), and followed it along to BOGOMBUSINAVIP, hamlet of KAMPFGOLMIN, arriving there at 0845. Moved on over a rough, limestone impregnated track, gradually ascending to 5580' a.s.l. where the patrol rested at 1000. Re-commenced walking at 1030 and began descending into the KAMPFGOLMIN valley. Lake SOLOMBANG (ref. P.R. No.6-1957/58) clearly visible during the descent. Arrived at KAMPFGOLMIN village at 1130. Camp made in a cleared area adjacent to the village.(4,150' a.s.l.)

The track between BOGOMBUSINAVIP and the present camp is the worst so far encountered during the patrol. Many of the police and carriers cut their feet and legs on the sharp limestone projections during the walk.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1959/60 - TELEFONINDIARY

Time on Track: 4hrs 5mins. Walking Time: 3hrs 35mins

Food purchased.

Census checked.

Radio contact maintained.

Guard posted at night.

Tuesday, June 14th, 1960

Heavy rain during the early morning.

Broke camp at 0735 0910 and retraced our steps over the track followed yesterday. Arrived SOBOLBOROVIP at 1235 and made camp. Light rain fell during most of the walk. Heavy rain during the afternoon and night.

Time on Track: 3hrs 25mins Walking Time: 3hrs 25mins.

Radio contact maintained.

Guard posted at night.

Wednesday, June 15th, 1960

Broke camp in heavy rain at 0735 and commenced walking north east along the KAM River valley. Crossed the Lilingun River at 0805 and began to gradually ascend to the foot of Mt. BALEL, 6420' a.s.l., where we rested in a small shelter at 1020. Commenced to climb the cliff face of Mt. BALEL at 1107 and reached the top (7210' a.s.l.) at 1130. Proceeded along a range known locally as IRADENONG, maintaining a fairly constant altitude of 7700' a.s.l. till approx. 1300, then descending to 7370' a.s.l. Camp made here at 1355, between the FINIMTIK and TUAKIT Rivers near their junction. Constant heavy rain fell throughout the walk, making it cold and most unpleasant.

Time on Track: 6hrs 20mins Walking Time: 5hrs 33mins.

Radio contact maintained.

Guard posted at night

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1959/60 - TELEFOMINDIARYThursday, June 16th, 1960

Broke camp at 0810 and arrived at the foot of Mt. PAGALIL (7780' a.s.l.) at 0935. Reached the summit (8500' a.s.l.) at 1005 and commenced to descend steeply to the ALAX River, which was crossed at 1130. Joined the patrol's inward track at 1135 and passed a small shelter (6040' a.s.l.) at 1140. Moved on through kumal and patches of bush, recrossing the ALAK at 1155 and passed through BLOHENGKIVIP hamlet at 1255. Arrived ATEMTAVIRAVIP (Upper TIPALMIN) Rest House at 1320 (4690' a.s.l.)

Time on Track: 5hrs 10mins Walking Time: 5hrs 10mins.

Food purchased.

Radio contact maintained.

Guard posted at night.

Friday, June 17th, 1960

Departed ATEMTAVIRAVIP at 0649, retracing our steps along the track followed on the 8th and the 7th. Passed OKELAVIP Rest House at 0715. Reached the summit of Mt. BAGAUNTIGAN at 0900. Passed the URAPMIN Rest House at 1015 and crossed the SEPIK River at 1255. Arrived TELEFOMIN station at 1445.

Time on Track: 7hrs 56mins Walking Time: 7hrs 56mins

End of Patrol.

NATIVE SITUATION

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